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PHOTO BY JANICE WOLF

A fall migrating Monarch butterfly stops to “nectar up” at Henry’s Hollow, refueling for the long journey to the mountains of Mexico. See story about community gardens on page 7.

Actions and Requests Made At Long Council Meeting

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council’s regular meeting of September 25, which lasted almost four hours, included many agenda items for action and many requests to the council under the Petitions and Request segment of the meeting.

The meeting opened with the signing of an agreement between the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System to ensure that if the county were to decide it no longer wished to house the Tugwell Special Collection at the Greenbelt Branch, it would be transferred to the city. Michael Gannon, acting CEO for the system, assured council and audience members who had come to the

meeting for this item that, contrary to earlier rumors, the system has no intention of abandoning the collection but agrees that it is good to make contingency plans.

Greenbelt Lake Dam

The ordinance to authorize the city to borrow up to \$2.5 million for repair of the Greenbelt Lake dam, as required by the state, was passed unanimously, as was the resolution to place the question on the ballot for the required voter approval. If the voters support the measure at the November 7 election, the project will be bid early next year, with construction to take place from

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Defending Utopia

Movie Night Speakers Cover The News Review Waterfront

by Cathie Meetre

The new movie, *Defending Utopia: The News Review* at 80, premieres at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. (advance tickets available at the box office and online). Prior to the film (and after dessert) the program includes three speakers with very different stories to tell.

Megan Searing Young

The first speaker is Megan Searing Young, director of the Greenbelt Museum since 2008. Fascinated by the social history of early Greenbelt, Searing Young is eminently qualified to discuss her topic: *The News Review: Communication and Cohesion*. She notes that since its founding in 1937, just weeks after the first residents moved into Greenbelt, the Cooperator, now the Greenbelt News Review, has always been much more than just a newspaper. It has reinforced the ideals under which Greenbelt was

founded: cooperation, egalitarianism and a dedication to a new way of living. It has been a tool by which those ideals and values were and are transmitted.

Searing Young has curated numerous exhibitions and lectured on many aspects of Greenbelt history. In 2012, she co-authored the book, *Images of America: Greenbelt*, with Jill St. John. She earned a B.A. in Art History and Women’s Studies from Johns Hopkins University and an M.A. in the History of Decorative Arts from the Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Institution and Parsons School of Design program where she focused on early twentieth century design, material culture and social history.

Chris Cherry

Known to many residents as the city’s energetic and creative coordinator for the performing

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FBI? Amazon? Tech Transfers? Greenbelt Possibilities Heard

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council listened to a panel of experts discuss the development opportunities possible for Greenbelt in coming years and how they might be achieved at its October 18 worksession. Participating in the session were David Iannucci, assistant deputy chief administrative officer for Economic Development and Public Infrastructure for Prince George’s County; Jim Coleman, president and CEO of the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation (EDC); David K. Lewis, director of Business Development for EDC; Garth Beall, manager of Renard Development Corporation, potential developer for the Greenbelt Metro Station site; Ken McCreedy, senior director of the State of Maryland Office of Cybersecurity and Aerospace; and Alfred Mecum, senior technology

manager for the Strategic Partnership Office at Goddard Space Flight Center.

Much of the discussion concerned the idea that the FBI headquarters facility is still greatly needed and the proposed location at the Greenbelt Metro Station is still the best location for it. As an alternative possibility, Prince George’s County has proposed the station site together with portions of Capital Office Park as one of three county sites suitable for the location of Amazon.com, Inc.’s second headquarters, a facility some five times the size of the proposed FBI headquarters. Less discussed, but possibly more realistic, is the potential for new businesses in technology and cyber-security, with some implementing new patents resulting from Goddard’s space exploration. Greenbelt al-

ready has three Goddard related start-up firms located in city office parks.

Iannucci began the discussion by telling council that he is feeling very positive about where the county is economically now. The county had a rough time coming out of the 2008 recession. But there has been careful planning and new strategies. The county has improved public safety and education. For the last three consecutive quarters, the county has led the area in job growth by nearly 30 percent. That was true, he said, even if you did not include the new job growth created by the opening of the MGM

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Post Throws Cold Water on Amazon

Prince George’s County has joined the pell-mell competition of jurisdictions throughout the country to become the location for the second, and larger, headquarters facility of Amazon.com, Inc., now based in Seattle, Washington. The Greenbelt Metro Station has been identified as one possible county site. The new facilities complex is to require eight million square feet of building space to house 50,000 employees.

An October 26 Washington Post story by Jonathan O’Connell, “In Amazon’s boomtown, lessons for the next one,” throws cold water on the desirability and possibility of Amazon coming here. According to the article, although Amazon has increased employment, wealth, growth and property values in Seattle, it has also created “one of the most expensive places in which to live,” forced low-income workers to move to the far suburbs, created a homelessness crisis and cost tax payers “hundreds of millions of dollars” in infrastructure development costs.

As to the possibility of locating here, the article quotes John Schoettler, who oversees real estate for the company, as saying that that CEO and founder Jeffrey P. Bezos chose the core city of Seattle for the company’s headquarters over suburban sites, advocating that the type of employees the company would want to hire “are going to want to work, live and play in the urban core.” The article notes that issues for suburban Maryland as a contender for Amazon’s HQ2 would include “runaway real estate and housing prices” and a major transit project canceled by Governor Larry Hogan.

Election 2017

Answers to our Questions

The News Review once again asked candidates for election to the Greenbelt City Council to respond to questions posed by this newspaper. Answers are limited to 300 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer is cut off at that point. Here are the answers to question 4.

Question 4. How would you balance the benefits of green actions against their cost?

Danielle “Li’l Dan” Celdran

What do you mean by green actions? I am interested in conserving, preserving and protecting our Earth and want to keep our environment clean and healthy for generations to come. Working with community groups and Public Works to provide educational outreach will help encourage residents to compost and recycle. For instance, I appreciate GHI for offering rain barrels to their members at a low cost. Perhaps the City can offer this program to all residents.

Bill Orleans

Many living in Greenbelt enjoy a degree of privilege we may not acknowledge. I would suggest we should not seek additional privilege when communities nearby may enjoy less than we now have.

Incumbent council (for 130 years) has a record of seeking grants for projects we could/should accomplish on our own dime. Most grants offered through every level of government or through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Govern-

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What Goes On

Friday, October 27

1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Octoberfest, Community Center
4 p.m., Pumpkin Carving, Roosevelt Center

Saturday, October 28

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics and Paint Recycling, Shredding, Donation Drop-off. See city ad for details.

6 to 9 p.m., Pumpkin Walk, Northway Fields

Monday, October 30

4:30 p.m., Costume Contest and Parade, Roosevelt Center

7:30 p.m. Council Worksession: Security Camera Referral, Municipal Building

Wednesday, November 1

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: WSSC Street Projects, Community Center

Sunday, November 5

1 to 3 p.m., Art Drop-In, Community Center



This photo was taken in 1942 and shows Sally Meredith and Isadore J. Parker. See Letter and Correction.

Letters to the Editor

Photo Identified

The photo on the front page of last week’s News Review is of Sally McArthur Meredith. I have a copy of that photo.

Sally was one of three children of my father, John Thomas McArthur, offspring of his first marriage. I am one of four children from his second marriage.

In 2009, thanks to the internet, Dad’s second family visited and corresponded with the last surviving member of his first family.

Once I briefly worked for the News Review, unaware of the McArthur family’s former relation to the newspaper.

During a 2009 visit with her much younger half-siblings, Mary Ann Bennett (nee McArthur) submitted a reminiscence about life in Greenbelt circa 1942. You might still have a copy of her unpublished submission.

June McArthur Webb

Fiscal Responsibility

Attending the Sunday October 22 council candidates forum, I found it be little more than a “progressive test.” The questions were sent to the candidates in advance, so they could be well prepared for the one-minute lightning answer session. Some were much more prepared than others. From the attendance standpoint (at least 20 over legal capacity of the room), excellent moderation and respect for the clock shown by the candidates, the event could be deemed a success

in all respects but one.

I found fault not with the candidates, but the questions as posed. In my opinion, the questions were woefully incomplete. Most questions should have been in three parts: 1) What you want to do answering the question, 2) How would you pay for all these grand ideas and 3) prioritize your agenda assuming there is not funding to do all you wish to do.

Without costing or prioritizing these grand options, candidates were left to “blue sky” all the answers placating the progressive organizations that put this together. Without the priority of ideas, one candidate could parrot another, and we would be no further educated on the realistic ideas that separate one candidate from another.

It’s great wanting to put solar panels on all the city building roofs, rain gardens on the same roofs, transportation projects, electric car charging stations throughout the city, ball fields and other recreation opportunities for Greenbelt West, fully developing the Cherrywood Lane roadway and all the other ideas espoused. Current council took heat for projects that have been on the table for years, but not acted upon reportedly due to budget constraints. All these ideas cost money. Where is this money coming from?

Frank Kayser

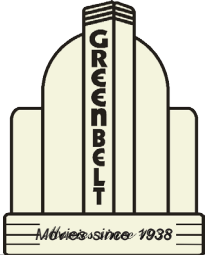
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Correction

The woman in the photo at left is, in fact, Sally Meredith but she did not become editor of the Co-operator until September of 1947. The Greenbelt News Review staff was also notified by Janet Parker that the man in the background of the photo is Isadore J. Parker, who became editor in June of 1949.

City Correction

In a recent mailing from the City of Greenbelt on the borrowing referendum for the future of Greenbelt Lake Dam and the impact to taxes, if needed, the amount of increased tax per assessed value was incorrectly stated. It should have stated \$0.0075, or 3/4 of one cent, per \$100 of assessed value (e.g. a \$15.00 increase, on a house assessed at \$200,000). The city notified people of the error through their website, social media and the Greenbelt News Review.



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CC = Closed Captions

SHOWTIMES
Oct 27th - Nov 2nd

FACE PLACES
(PG) (89 mins)
(Subtitled in English)
Fri. - Sun. 5:30 PM
Mon. 3:00 PM
Tues. - Thurs. 5:30 PM

BATTLE OF THE SEXES
(PG-13) (121 mins) (CC)
Fri. 7:45 PM
Sat. 3:00, 7:45 PM
Sun. 2:30 (OC), 7:45 PM
Mon. & Tues. 7:45 PM
Wed. 2:30, 7:45 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

Fall Family Series:
KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE
(G) (103 mins) (1989)
Sat. 11:00 AM

Celebrate HMD:
35MM THINK OF ME
FIRST AS A PERSON
(15 mins) FREE!
With a selection of
Greenbelt home movies!
Guest speaker,
Kathy Labukas
Sun. 1:00 PM

Short Halloween movie
after the
Greenbelt Halloween
Parade (30 mins) FREE!
Mon. 6:00 PM



Letters Policy During City Elections

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published.

All letters must include the letter writer’s name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

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On Screen

Two Newcomers

Two new movies come to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, October 27: Faces Places and Battle of the Sexes.

Faces Places is the legendary 89-year-old French film director Agnes Varda’s wistful, celebratory semi-documentary journey through France with her co-director, 34-year-old JR.

Varda reminisces about her old comrade from the 1950s New Wave era, Jean Luc Godard, visits Nathalie Sarraute’s hometown and Henri-Cartier Bresson’s grave. She and JR are a delightful collaboration.

This move is in French with English subtitles.
Rating: PG; Running time: 1 hour 29 min

Battle of the Sexes tells the story of the highly hyped 1973 tennis match between women’s tennis champion 29-year-old Billie Jean King and avowed sexist former tennis champion 55-year-old Bobby Riggs. King is fighting for higher pay for women and the banishment of male condescension towards women athletes. Riggs is hustling for money.

Beneath the glitz and garishness, both are fighting their own personal demons. Happily married Billie Jean is wrestling with her infatuation with her hairdresser, played by Andrea Riseborough.

Bobby is a gambling addict with a long suffering wife played by Elizabeth Shue.

The luminous Emma Stone plays Billie Jean not as a glamour queen, but as a shy, reticent, gritty competitor. Steve Carrell plays Bobby more as a good ol’ boy than as a virulent sexist.

Sarah Silverman and Bill Pullman also appear.

Rating: PG 13; Running time 2 hours

- Jim Link

Community Events

Pumpkin Carving

The 29th annual Greenbelt Pumpkin Walk is a half-mile walk through the Greenbelt Forest Preserve as community carved jack-o'-lanterns line the path. The walk will be on Saturday, October 28 starting at 5 p.m. and the Goatman and other magical creatures come out at 6 p.m. The Community Carve-Off will be Friday, October 27 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. Bring your own carving utensils but the pumpkins are provided. The pumpkins are then used in the Pumpkin Walk. There will be a toddler-friendly hour from 4 to 5 p.m. as Crickett entertains the crowd with a juggling and magic act. The kids can also paint their own small pumpkin to take home. Starting at 5:30 p.m. the band Foglings will perform.

Community Church Has Spaghetti Dinner

On Saturday, November 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. Greenbelt Community Church will host its fall fundraiser. This year's event will change things up a bit from the traditional fall bazaar. A spaghetti dinner, featuring the Fominaya family recipe for spaghetti sauce, will accompany the traditional auction that the church hosts every year. After dinner festivities include an evening of entertainment and an auction.

"We thought we would try something new this year but we wanted to keep the auction since that is a local favorite," said Keith Johnson, chair of the committee responsible for hosting the event. Local musicians will play during the dinner and offer their services for bidding at the auction. Rick Ransom and Keith Johnson, Tom Davey, Susan Breon and Betty Ladas are all scheduled to perform during the dinner. The entertainment for the evening will also include karaoke and guest speakers.

Traditional auction items such as local merchant certificates and services will still be available for bidding. Feedback is appreciated on the new format.

Survey on Volunteers

The Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) and The Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) are working together to create an exciting volunteer program for our wonderful community theater. Thanks to a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation, this program will benefit the theater and serve as a model that other Greenbelt community organizations can replicate. OGT and CDCG want to provide meaningful ways for volunteer voices to be heard and utilized to support the vision, mission and aim of OGT and to make sure that there is outreach to areas of Greenbelt. To this end, they are seeking helpful and constructive thoughts and comments. To participate, either go to to dynamic-governance.org and click the link to the Old Greenbelt Theatre survey or fill out a hard copy at the theater. OGT and CDCG will report the results and describe the plans for developing the volunteer program based on staff and board input and survey feedback.

Contact Aileen@dynamic-governance.org to volunteer.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of October 30 are as follows:

Monday, October 30: Pepper beef steak, lima beans, stewed tomatoes, wheat roll, fresh fruit, grape juice.

Tuesday, October 31: Sausage with onions and peppers, crispy cubed potatoes, hot peaches, coleslaw, wheat hot dog bun, Halloween cookies, grape juice.

Wednesday, November 1: November menu not yet available

St. Hugh's Annual Christmas Bazaar

The St. Hugh's Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place in Grenoble Hall on Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be plenty of great buys, delicious food, baked goods, as well as crafts and vendors with special purchases for holiday gifts and so much more. Joining the bazaar this year will be local author Peggy Rooney of the Greenbelt Writers Group, Knights of Columbus, St. Hugh's Youth Group with fair trade items, vendors with hats, scarves, jewelry, Avon products, NFL team gear, flavored oils and vinegars, greeting cards, special decorative candles, baby items and more. There will be a silent auction as well as door prizes and photos with Santa.

Trunk or Treats

Come and check out the Halloween-themed Greenbelt police cruisers for the first Annual Trunk or Treat event at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, October 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. or at Roosevelt Center on Monday, October 30 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Mishkan Torah Holds Annual Rummage Sale

The annual Mishkan Torah Rummage Sale, a Greenbelt tradition, will take place Sunday, October 29 and Monday, October 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This much anticipated event features great finds at great prices. The huge selection of gently used items includes clothing, shoes and accessories for men, women and children; toys and games; housewares and linens; artwork; craft supplies; sports equipment; books for all ages; electronics; and much more. Monday is Bag Day where shoppers can fill up a bag for one low price.

Mishkan Torah is accepting donations for the sale. Gently used clothing, shoes, household items, toys and anything that one person can carry is appreciated. Donations will be accepted on Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. Call 301-474-4223 to arrange for other times. For more information, call 301-351-4576. Donors will receive receipts as the donations may be tax deductible.

GES Open House

Greenbelt Elementary School will hold an Open House on Wednesday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. for parents interested in touring the school, hearing from administration members and current parents.

Zoning Will Be Topic At GCDC Meeting

Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC) will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, October 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center. Chad Williams of the Prince George's County Planning Department will present the Comprehensive Zoning Draft and answer questions about the zoning regulations and their effect on Greenbelt.

This is a chance for Greenbelt residents to have their questions answered. Light refreshments will be served.



Workshop at St. Hugh On Domestic Violence

On Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to noon there will be a workshop on how to help family and friends suffering from domestic violence. The workshop will be held in the church hall at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road. Enter the hall from the parking lot behind the church. A continental breakfast will be provided. The workshop is sponsored by Catholic Charities/St. Hugh Ladies of Charity. For more information, contact Mary Ann Tretler at 240-517-7559.

Senior Oktoberfest

The Greenbelt Senior Center is hosting its annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 27 in the Community Center Gym from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Helmut Licht will be providing the musical entertainment from 1:30 to 2:30 and then light refreshments will be served, all for free.

Join us for a great afternoon of fun, music and food as we celebrate fall and Karen Haseley's retirement. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.



More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, Oct. 29th, Wed., Nov. 1st, & Fri., Nov. 3rd
Beginning at 8 PM

"Kevin's Friend," "The Fugue," "The Texas Chainsaw Musical," and "Dracula's Mother"

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Greenbelt Arts Center DON'T MISS

BEAU JEST



by James Sherman
Directed by Norma Ozur

October 27, 28, November 3, 4, 10, 11, at 8PM
Sunday matinees: October 29 and November 5 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

Greenbelt Arts Center Annual Meeting – November 5 at 5 pm
The Wizard of Oz – Nov 24 - Dec 17 - Directed by Jon Gardner
Almost, Maine – Jan 26– Feb 17, 2018 - Executive Directed by Bob Kleinberg

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or
email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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Thurs., Nov. 2nd from 7-10PM

Board of Directors' Meeting

Monday, Nov. 20th, 7:30PM

Members Only – Reservations required

Canon Camera Class - \$\$

Mon., Nov. 13th, Tues., Nov. 14th,
and Thurs., Nov. 16th, 7-10PM

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Learn the basics of capturing, editing, graphics,
and output

Saturdays, Nov. 4, 11, and 18th, 9AM - 3PM

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Obituaries

Paul M. Rall

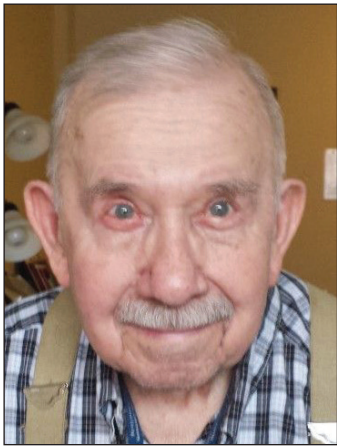


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Paul Rall

Paul Rall, 85, died peacefully on Sunday, October 22, 2017, surrounded by family. Paul was born and raised in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. After completing two years of college at St. Joseph's in Indiana, he joined the United States Air Force where he earned his wings as a jet pilot for the 26th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Paul then continued his education at the University of Dayton and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. Paul moved to Greenbelt in 1960 after he accepted a position at the newly-built Goddard Space Flight Center. In his 30-plus years at NASA, he worked on many key missions including Project Mercury, the first manned space flight program and the Apollo missions. In the early 1960's, Paul moved his growing family to the Lakewood subdivision where he resided for almost 50 years. Greenbelt residents know how special their town is and Paul was no different. He jumped right into volunteering and served in key positions for many local organizations including the board of the Co-op Supermarket, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union board, the Lakewood Crime Watch and St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus. Paul also volunteered his time for So Others Might Eat, the St. Hugh's Food Pantry and preparing taxes for Greenbelt seniors on fixed incomes. Even when Paul was off duty, he always found a way to contribute and was often seen picking up trash as he walked around town or driving seniors to doctor appointments.

In 1996, Paul was awarded the prestigious honor of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for all of his volunteer efforts. To this day, Paul felt undeserving of the title which is no surprise as Greenbelters were all too aware of his humble and modest personality. Paul preferred to be in the background, serving those around him rather than being the center of attention. While much of his time was dedicated to his church and civic commitments, Greenbelters knew very well that he had a fun side. Everyone in town knew about Paul and his signature red Ford Mustangs. He was always amazed at how quickly word traveled back to his daughter when he occasionally drove a bit too fast around town. Paul loved watching and playing softball and played on the Greenbelt senior softball team for quite some time. He also enjoyed a good draft beer at the Greenbelt American Legion, flying airplanes, taking his motorcycles for a spin, listening to classical music, traveling and, of course, chocolate milk shakes. But, above all of those things, Paul was a family man and lived for those he loved. He never missed his grandchildren's activities and was always known as the Team Grandpa. Paul impacted the lives of so many. His dependability, loyalty, generosity and dedication was known to all. He truly personified the saying, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love." Paul is survived by his children, Michael Rall (Meghan), Frances Fendlay (Kevin), Patricia Rall and Charles Rall (Nancy). He is survived by four grandchildren, Shane, Devin, Alanna and Kevin. Preceding him in death are daughters Christine and Valerie.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 27 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, October 28, 11 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Interment will follow immediately after mass at the Greenbelt Cemetery on Ivy Lane. Those attending services are encouraged to wear something red in honor of Paul's signature red Mustangs. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Seasons Hospice at seasonsfoundation.org/donate/ or to The St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus, 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. - by Frances Fendlay

Maxine V. Smith

Long-time Greenbelt resident and dedicated church goer Maxine Virginia Smith died on Monday October 2, 2017. Mrs Smith was very involved with the Mowatt United Methodist Church. She was listed as an editor of the Mowatt Memorial Messenger and frequently donated her time and culinary expertise. Some called her the Queen of the Spaghetti Dinner. She was also involved in the Golden Age Club. Mrs. Smith is survived by her children Gary (Edie) Smith, Sharon (Lee) Periard, Gregory (Margie Earman) Smith and Steven (Debbie Baggett) Smith; grandchildren Jeff, Kristen, Jason, Jared, Eric and Nicole; great-grandchildren Jacob, Kacie, Abby, Frankie, Sydney, Shelby, Cade, Chase, Addison and Claire. She was the sister of John Hinzman, Betty Contrill and the late Dorothy Taylor, Hayward, Tom, Orval and Norval Hinzman.



ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

GREENBELT
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Come worship God with us!
Sunday School 9:45AM
Worship Service 11:00AM

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Mishkan Torah Congregation



10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Saul Oresky Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM, except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:00 PM

Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

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Condolence to the family and friends of Maxine V. Smith, who died on Monday, October 2, 2017. Condolence to the family and friends of Paul Rall, who died on Sunday, October 22, 2017. Congratulations to Greenbelt News Review staffer Sylvia Lewis and husband Robert of Gardenway on the marriage of their granddaughter, Kelsey Strouse, in New Jersey. Kelsey is the daughter of Janet Lewis, Eleanor Roosevelt High School class of 1978. Congratulations to Susie Reed-McCullough, Jesse McCullough and Maggie McCullough of Ridge Road, who

welcomed Alice Wren McCullough on October 15 at Holy Cross Hospital. Alice was 7 lbs. 13.2 oz and 20.5 inches long. Mom, Dad, big sister and baby are all healthy and doing well.



PHOTO BY MCCULLOUGH FAMILY

Alice Wren McCullough

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.

I'll Fly Away

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org



Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glenlyce Grindstaff, Pastor

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi

Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

October 29 10 a.m.

"Shadows"



The Reverend Rachel Christensen, Minister; with Carla Miller, DMRE; Jeri Holloway, Worship Associate; the Children's Choir; the PBUUC Choir; and the Chalice Dancers

Shadows are all around us and within us. We will explore shadows and how we might embrace our shadow side. Halloween/Samhain/Autumn Service; includes our annual costume parade for ALL AGES. Trunk or Treat after the worship service. Please join us in a celebration of the season.

Keep your items out of
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Greenbelt Community
Church Quarterly
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DRIVE

Saturday, October 28

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sunday, October 29

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Items should be placed in kitchen-size trash bags,
no items larger than 18" x 18" x 18"

Call 301-345-1849 to arrange for a pick up or for more info

Next Donation Drive: January 27 - 28, 2018

Drop Off Oct. 28-29

Greenbelt Community
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ALL ARE WELCOME.

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Good, clean clothes for women,
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF OCT. 30-NOV. 3

Monday, October 30 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Security Camera Referral** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming on www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, October 31 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: FORA/GAIL update, Widowed Persons update, Election of officers*

Wednesday, November 1 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: WSSC Street Projects** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



PUMPKIN CARVING
Friday, October 27, 4:00pm, **FREE**
Roosevelt Center, Centerway
This popular community event is a family favorite! Come on out and decorate a pumpkin to be used on the Pumpkin Walk.

MOONLIT MOVIE: Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit, Friday, October 27, 6:30pm, **FREE**
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (Front Lawn), 101 Centerway. Kick off the Halloween weekend right with a (G-Rated) spooky Moonlit Movie following Pumpkin Carving event at Roosevelt Center.

PUMPKIN WALK
Saturday, October 28 from 6pm-9pm, **FREE**, Northway Fields-End of Northway Rd. A Greenbelt tradition! Come out to the woods and enjoy the beautiful, decorated pumpkins on our Forest Preserve trail.

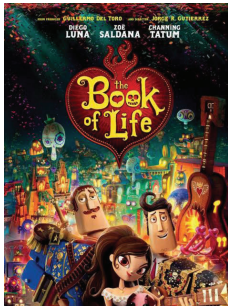


RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 ALL FROM 9AM-12PM

ELECTRONICS AND PAINT RECYCLING
Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Rd
Electronics/FREE; Paint/\$5 per container
Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) NO Cups, egg cartons or food trays. **PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.** Paint Recycling info at www.YuckOldPaint.com

SHREDDING DAY
Centerway Parking Lot, Behind Credit Union, 112 Centerway. Bring your personal papers for shredding. Available until truck is full. No contaminants accepted. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. Paint Recycling also available at this event.

DONATION DROP-OFF
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
Green Drop Charitable Donations
www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/
Info: Sustainability Office 301-474-8308 or www.greenbeltmd.gov



HALLOWEEN MOVIE EVENT AT SPRINGHILL LAKE!
Saturday, October 28 7pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane
Come dressed in your costume and join us for a **FREE** family fun event! Free pumpkins to the earliest participants! Treats provided! Along with...

TRUNK OR TREAT at Springhill Lake!
In the parking lot during event!
Come and check out our Halloween-themed Greenbelt Police cruisers for our first Annual Trunk or Treat at SHL!. Have an eerily good time as you meet the officers as you 'trick or treat' from car to car in the parking lot.



Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov
Go to www.greenbeltmd.gov/infowall to access all city social media!



OKTOBERFEST
Featuring: Helmut Licht
October 27, 1:30pm-3:30pm,
Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Road
Light refreshments will be served. **FREE!**

Everyone is encouraged to come out and wish Karen Haseley well on her retirement. This will be her last event with the City of Greenbelt. She will be missed!

National Prescription Drug

TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday, October 28th

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

Bring your unwanted/expired prescription drugs to the Greenbelt Police Station Lobby at 550 Crescent Rd.

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CITY OF GREENBELT, 25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770

BORROWING REFERENDUM

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

CORRECTION: In a recent mailing, the impact to taxes, if needed, was incorrectly stated as \$.075 per \$100 of assessed value. It should have stated \$0.0075, or 3/4 of one cent, per \$100 of assessed value (e.g. a \$15.00 increase, on a house assessed at \$200,000)
WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE ERROR.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

COSTUME CONTEST & PARADE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017*

ROOSEVELT CENTER 4:30PM SHARP!

Come dressed in your finest Halloween costume! Prizes will be awarded to contestants with the most innovative costume in their category:
Funny, Spooky, Original, Superhero/Comic, Princess/Fairy, and Group/Family
Registration 4:00pm-4:30pm
Parade ends at the Old Greenbelt Theatre where all are invited to a free showing of **It's The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown**

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Alison Longworth
alongworth@greenbeltmd.gov
301-397-2200

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Have an eerily good time as you meet the officers as you 'trick or treat' from car to car in the parking lot.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.
There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.
For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan Survey
3 Chances to Win \$100!!
Please make sure to check your mail box over the next couple of weeks for a postcard from the Greenbelt Recreation Department. You may have been selected to participate in a random survey that will not only give you a chance to win one of three \$100 gift cards but help the City of Greenbelt develop a Recreation and Park Facilities Master Plan.

Only a limited number of households have been randomly selected to receive this survey, so your responses are critical to the future of Greenbelt's recreation, parks, programs, facilities and services. Responses are important and will be kept confidential.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL MEMORY SCREENINGS
Monday, November 6 9-11am
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd.
A MEMORY SCREENING IS A SIMPLE AND SAFE "HEALTHY BRAIN CHECK-UP" THAT TESTS MEMORY AND OTHER THINKING SKILLS.
To register for your time slot please call 240-542-2029.
National Memory Screening Program is an initiative of: Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Sewing Help Wanted
Help bring 1930s Greenbelt to life on stage in the upcoming Winter Youth Musical!
Adult volunteers are invited to work on costumes. Some paid positions also available according to skill and availability.
Contact Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, for more information: ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Community Art Drop-In
Sunday, November 5 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Free. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd, Room 113
Ph. 301-397-2208
Drop-In workshop with Kathy Karlson. Come combine objects and paint in a mixed media collage, inspired by artists Robert Rauschenberg and Arthur Dove! All materials will be provided. No reservations are needed.

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Hotel and Casino at National Harbor. Iannucci also announced that ground breaking for the new county regional medical center in Largo was to take place November 30.

FBI Headquarters

Locating the FBI headquarters in the county is “still not dead,” he declared. The federal government still needed to build it. The Hoover building is falling to pieces. So many chunks of concrete have fallen from the building that safety nets had to be put up, he said.

Congress has ordered the General Services Administration (GSA) to re-study the matter within 120 days, the due date being November 30.

Mayor Emmett Jordan noted that GSA could order new bidding. That would be very “disconcerting.” Beall said that he has not heard anything new proposed to be happening and discounted that concern.

Iannucci thought GSA would start with the three designated possible sites, in Springfield, Va., at the old Landover Mall in this county and at the Greenbelt Metro Station. He thought the project might be downsized, with the phasing in of some headquarters facilities later, as the best solution. Relocating the workers in the decaying Hoover building was the first priority, he speculated. Workers elsewhere could be relocated into additional building space later.

Environmental studies have been completed on the current three sites and it would be costly to start that process all over again.

Beall agreed that phasing was a good solution. There could be 1.1 million square feet built first to accommodate the 52 percent of headquarters workers now housed in the Hoover building. It would still become eventually “pretty much the same facility” as initially proposed.

Iannucci expressed hope that the federal government would return to a lease-build contract. This was the original proposal, but former Senator Barbara Mikulski had gotten it changed to become a federal construction. A lease-build would aid the county in its financing of support improvements.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if additional funding could be provided in the current budget resolution before Congress. Iannucci said that was possible, but he doubted it would happen.

Jordan expressed concern that the matter was still up in the air. He said the new Metro parking garage would be located differently if the FBI does not select the site. It presents a problem in locating a pedestrian/bicycle path between the newly developed Greenbelt Station South Core and the Metro station for easy Metro access by South Core residents. Councilmember Judith Davis concurred, declaring that right now “we are in never, never land.”

Beltway Interchange

When GSA announced suspension of site selection for the FBI headquarters, the Maryland State Highway Administration stopped its work planning for missing interchange ramps for the Beltway/I-95 at the Metro station, an improvement needed for any development at the station. Jordan expressed concern of loss of

funding and noted that the state requires the project to be a designated priority of the county. Iannucci assured the council that the project was still on the county’s priority list.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked if Maryland Governor Larry Hogan’s proposal to add lanes to the Beltway would affect the project. Iannucci responded, “not necessarily.” He thought such a project would be 10 to 20 years down the road.

Davis was concerned that the state might take away funding. Beall assured her that for now the project was on hold and everything was fine.

Amazon

Amazon has announced a nation-wide search for a site for a second headquarters facility. It would house 50,000 employees in 8 million square feet of building space. Jurisdictions throughout the country are entering bids. So is Maryland, and the county has proposed three sites for inclusion, even though the governor has expressed preference for a Baltimore site. The three county sites are at College Park adjacent to the Metro and future Purple Line stations, Greenbelt at the Metro station as well as parts of the Capital Office Park and New Carrollton on both sides of the Metro station and the terminus of the Purple Line. At a recent press conference, Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker touted all three sites, but took special note that the New Carrollton site would offer eight modes

of transportation, more than other sites under consideration.

Iannucci noted that Greenbelt was a “great site, a great piece of land,” but that it would be competing with some 500 other sites. Also, there would be multiple sites proposed in the Washington metropolitan area.

He pondered as to why Amazon was leaving Seattle and his answer was that the company ran out of qualified people to employ. He believes this area is a good resource for such employees.

Iannucci also noted the county was located between two large urban centers and had access to three major airports. He thought the Washington area would be one of the final areas considered and “We are the best choice.”

Beall said that it would be possible to “squeeze in” 8 million square feet at the Metro station, but that it would be better to do only six. He noted a vacant site next to the U.S. Courthouse at Capital Office Park plus the reutilization of the three office buildings west of the Marriott to add the needed additional square footage. Combined, they make a good site, he said.

Herling noted the current high vacancy rate of 32.5 percent at Capital Office Park.

Coleman noted the proposal that his organization prepared would also be good for other potential developers as well. Lewis noted that the commission had put together the proposal in 20 days.

Promoting City

Herling reiterated his longstanding position that the city needed to employ an economic development director.

Jordan noted that the county had received grants for economic development at the Metro stations in College Park and New Carrollton and that the county was working closely with the two cities. He asked what the city can do to be included beyond the efforts for the FBI and Amazon. “We have a lot to sell,” he said. “We need to do more to sell it.”

Davis agreed, expressing the need to more widely distribute the film prepared about the Four-Cities area (Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, Riverdale Park and New Carrollton) to promote the FBI site. She felt it was a good message about the quality of life here. Coleman said he would have it written up in the newsletter the commission puts out.

Retail Commercial

Jordan asked where retail was going in the county.

Coleman said that the economy was growing stronger, creating more purchasing power. There is now a total of \$7.2 billion in annual purchasing power. But county retail establishments are only doing \$6 billion in sales, indicating that county residents are going outside the county to do purchasing.

Iannucci said it was a time of tremendous turmoil in the retail market. The grocery market has been shaken by Amazon’s announced entry into the field. The

county has neither too much nor too little space in retail marketing. However, he noted that some commercial was of “low quality.” “We need a better mix of use in strip commercials and older centers,” he said.

Jordan complained that new residents in Greenbelt West were seeking upscale retail and that the city’s existing retail doesn’t satisfy the need.

Roberts, however, noted that both major retail centers in the city were fully occupied and doing well. “If something is doing well, leave it alone,” he advocated. But Jordan and Davis disagreed, noting that residents were going elsewhere to shop.

Beall suggested that an economic development director could “bird dog” retailers by making telephone calls, making the city “a little more credible.”

Iannucci brought attention to a recently completed Retail Marketability and Competitiveness Study prepared for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission that was distributed at the meeting. He called attention to a map identifying high-end retail demographic concentrations. In other jurisdictions there were broad areas of such concentrations, but in Prince George’s, the concentration was limited to five circled areas, with part of Greenbelt being in one. Iannucci told council that the county’s population density was concentrated inside the Beltway

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Greenbelt Community Gardeners Reap a Bounty in Fall Harvests

by Janice Wolf

The golden glow of a setting October sun passes its energy to sunflowers towering over the garden plots on the periphery of Old Greenbelt. Are they waving good-bye to summer? Not so fast. There's still plenty of action down below, from pin-to beans drying on their vines and five-foot okra plants still in flower to clusters of red and golden tomatoes hanging out until there's time for canning, or a killing frost, whichever comes first. Closer to the ground sit spinach and lettuces, and chard, kale and collards, at their best in the cool of autumn. Down in the soil some root vegetables, like carrots and beets, improve in flavor after a frost.

At the gardens you don't need to pumpkin spice anything to get that fall ambience.

Garden chores are choreographed by nature all year round. The complex orchestration is signaled by the days getting shorter and cooler. Autumn harvest is the big payoff after a year of soil tending, planting, weeding, mulching, watering, outfoxing rabbits and groundhogs and controlling insects and fungal diseases, troubleshooting between droughts and gully-washers. All this can only be done on weekends or when life and family demands permit.

Newcomers to Greenbelt's three Community Gardens, whether they've just adopted a row or two in someone else's plot or cleared the waitlist for a full-sized 30-to-50-foot square one, often "start like a ball of fire," says John Henry Jones, one of the original organizers of the club that exists today. "Then comes July." Gardening is, he will tell you, hard work, make no mistake. That means picking or digging, covering and composting, schlepping and then storing, canning or freezing, all in a race against winter's frost and day jobs.

Community garden plots, or "allotment gardens" as they were originally called, have been a part of Greenbelt since conception, according to plans drawn up by the Resettlement Administration



Ben Fischler chats with Beth Olsen while she gathers Jerusalem Artichokes in her plot at Henry's Hollow. The oddly named flora, a member of the sunflower family and no relation to the common globe artichoke, can be distinguished from other sunflower species by fleshy tubers at the roots, which are edible and said to taste like water chestnuts.

- Photos by Janice Wolf

in 1936. The gardening didn't all start at once, however, as not all of the land so designated was available right away. Several areas on the southern margins of the town, including land now occupied by the American Legion and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and a large swath around the current Gardenway site, were offered less than six months after the first families moved to Greenbelt. The Greenbelt Co-operator (precursor to the News Review) under the headline "Greenbelt Gardens Dirt Cheap – Free In Fact" reported that 2,500-square-foot plots were offered the second week in March of 1938; by that Friday more than 100 applications were received.

After protracted litigation, in late 1939 the federal government purchased a tract of more than 200 acres east of Ridge Road at Hamilton Place, site of today's Hamilton and Henry's Hollow gardens. By 1942



Nancy Solomon shows one of several varieties of sweet potatoes she'll soon be harvesting from her community garden plot at Hamilton Garden. The leaves of sweet potatoes are edible and nutritious, and the potatoes themselves can stay in the garden to grow until the first frost.

these garden plots, which had piped-in water at the time, were in high demand.

From published records, garden club historians and stories

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while those with higher education or income were spread throughout. This lack of concentration made attraction of upscale businesses difficult.

New Businesses

Most of the meeting was spent with the council in discussion with Iannucci and Beall with the two EDC representatives participating somewhat. Toward the meeting's end, discussion turned to Mecum of Goddard and McCreedy from the state, but twice councilmembers redirected questions back to Iannucci and Beall. It was unfortunate, because the two were prepared to talk on economic possibilities that are potentially more achievable for the city, even though not as nationally noteworthy.

Mecum told council that Goddard had the largest concentration of science and engineering people in the United States. Informational material he distributed reported that 61 percent of the Goddard workforce of 3,400 fit that category. Another 5,700 employees of contractors also work for Goddard. While Greenbelt is the major facility, Goddard employees also work at four other locations ranging from New Mexico to New York. In 2006, Goddard employees received a Nobel Prize in physics for a Big Bang/Cosmic Background study.

According to the informational material, Goddard undertakes technology transfer with private industry, academia and other governmental agencies in 12 different focus areas. NASA has 1,593 active patents and reported 1,560 new technologies in Fiscal Year 2016 alone, with Goddard contributing 200.

NASA has a technology transfer program to help startup com-

panies by offering a license with no startup costs enabling companies to hold on to their cash while securing the intellectual property needed to carve out intellectual market space.

According to the information provided, of the seven current licensees with Goddard in Maryland, two are located in Greenbelt – Orbital Science Corporation and the Hammers Company, Inc. Of the center's four partnerships in Maryland, one – Emergent Space Technologies – is located in Greenbelt and has the largest contract with Goddard, according to Mecum.

Mecum said he was working with Hagerstown, Montgomery County and others on the technology transfer startups. He said he would like to work with Prince George's and its cities.

MAGLEV Train Has Community Meeting

Maryland state delegate Alonzo T. Washington will host a community meeting to discuss the MAGLEV high-speed train proposal on Thursday, November 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Parkdale High School (6001 Good Luck Road in Riverdale). Two of the possible proposed routes run through Greenbelt. Washington invites community members to express their concerns, including those about the proposed routes, the potential environmental impacts and the cost of construction. Information about the MAGLEV proposal, including potential routes, can be found at bwmaglev.info/.



Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ 1 Hillside Rd

Saturday 10-28-17 Relics Halloween Concert Dance
Live 60's Music, Halloween theme, best costume prize.
7 PM. Free will donation

Saturday 11-4-17 Spaghetti Cabaret Auction Night
Enjoy dinner with live music, karaoke, light comedy, and more. Then bid on the musicians, karaoke, gift certificates, gift baskets, play tickets, acupuncture, massage, painting services, a facial, dessert for a year, a crab cake dinner for 2, and more.
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Call 301-474-6171 for Tickets



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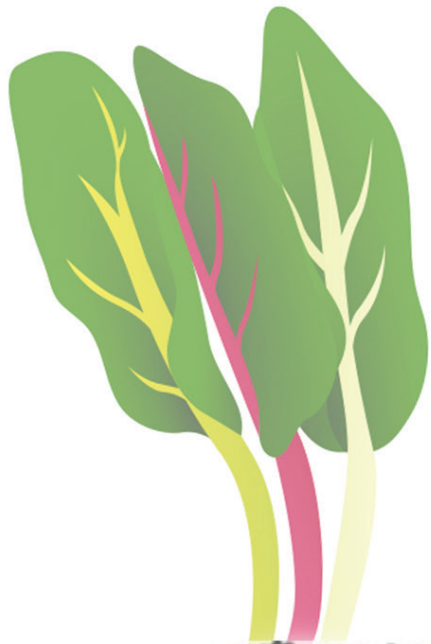
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in the Cooperator/News Review, some 300 to 350 plots in five areas, known by the surnames of the original property owners, were in use in the early years, enough for over a third of the families settled in at the time. Enthusiasm for growing one’s own food grew after the U.S. entered World War II and Greenbelt, like communities all across the country, renamed them Victory Gardens in December 1941. By the following April, 375 “would-be tillers of the soil” had claimed gardens, and by March of 1943, over 700 applications were received for 600 available plots, according to notices in the Cooperator.

Back in the early years of the community gardens, the city plowed, limed and fertilized the gardens every year, which required the fences be taken down and reinstalled by individual gardeners. That and the rest of the work was up to them. And there was no Gardener’s Supply catalog with every tool imaginable. “A hoe is about the only garden implement really needed,” claimed the Cooperator in March of 1938. Some or most of the plots also had water piped in (the pipes no longer exist, according to historians). Nowadays, there is no water piped to any of the plots, and you get whatever implements or detritus the previous plot-holder leaves behind, which generally includes the perimeter fence. It can also mean configured rain barrels, raised garden beds, repurposed storm doors and window screens and all manner of found objects that might otherwise be destined for Community Forklift’s home surplus warehouse, a yard sale or Special Trash pickup.

Share a Row

Then, as now, there weren’t enough of the 50’ by 50’ plots to go around. By various accounts, city officials and gardening enthusiasts were always looking, or negotiating, for more land for gardening. Development and Mother Nature have both claimed much of the land once available, with the most obvious examples being the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the American Legion. According to one map, the area at the end of Northway, now occupied by the James Wolfe Ballfields and city mulch operation were part of the allotment gardens by 1939, and by some accounts property near the water tower may also have been utilized. Jones also recalled that some gardening happened around Buddy Attick Park and near present-day Lakeside North, which may or may not have been formal arrangements.

Considering the lack of tree cover evident in photos from the late 1930s, one might think a little vegetable plot to feed one’s family could be cultivated just about anywhere in the new town.

But there were rules back then too, which during the era of Victory Gardens stated that only flower bed space around the homes could be utilized; digging up sod was not permitted. Although no such restrictions on gardening around homes exist today, 80 years of tree growth cover the residential areas, and continued development pressure at the outskirts has thwarted attempts by the club over the years to locate additional spaces for garden plots.

The city has been instrumental



Longtime community gardener Donna Almquist sorts through peppers she’s grown organically for friends. Cardboard is sometimes used in gardens between rows to suppress weeds, or as a portable workspace, or to walk without twisting an ankle.

- Photos by Janice Wolf



Greenbelt Community Garden Club President Martha Tomecek is all wrapped up in sweet potatoes as she pulls up a few gems from her community garden plot in Hamilton Garden. These were grown from a Korean variety purchased in an Asian food specialty store.

in efforts to find new land, according to Jones, but having a formal club was key to gaining its involvement. As recently as around 2006 the city and the club officers joined forces in an effort to locate areas that could be opened for additional gardens, but they were not successful.

Acknowledging the frustration of citizens who feel like getting an actual plot is impossible or they’ll grow too old or arthritic to use it by the time they clear the waitlist, Jones recalls past efforts to expand the number of people who can have garden plots. “When geography or Mother Nature limits the space, we’d ask members to share a row,” Jones says. He clearly thinks it’s not a bad way to start out gardening if you don’t quite know what you’re getting into. “And then gradually one row becomes two rows,” he continues, acknowledging from experience how the time a person has for

gardening ebbs and flows with work and family obligations for both young and old, sickness and health, and so forth. And so sharing a few rows in a plot, he stresses, allows someone else to have a chance and also keeps the land from growing weedy with disuse. It’s a gentler and somewhat more humane, some would say realistic, way to manage the plots.

Martha Tomecek, the current Greenbelt Community Garden Club (GCGC) president, likewise invoked that life happens and it’s not in the club’s DNA to kick someone out after a short period of non-use due to sudden family or health or caregiving issues.

Officially, there are now 69 plots approximately 30 to 50 feet square spread over three community gardens, and each plot can be assigned to one or more gardeners.

Some of the current gardeners have said they did get a plot



Michel Cavigelli harvests red beans, dried and rattling in their pods on a trellis in Hamilton Garden.

through the waitlist at the March meeting, but others have said serendipity played a role and that they started with a few rows in someone else’s plot, often through chance meetings with gardeners who needed to cut back and were willing to give up several of theirs.

The problem of people who take plots and do not cultivate them has been around as long as the gardens themselves. Back in 1940, a fee of one dollar (about \$17.50 today) was levied to prepare and assign the gardens, partly in the hope it would discourage this. But rows sometimes need to go fallow, whether for soil nutrient needs or for sterilization – that’s the reason for the black or clear plastic in full sun – in an effort to kill off certain harmful plant pathogens.

Club

Although there has been a Garden Club in some form since around 1940, the current incarnation was formed in the early 2000s in part by Jones who says with a wry grin they needed a formal club instead of a “March fight” over the plot assignments every year. Turning serious, he says the desire for more city involvement and recognition was also a goal, and establishing formal leadership, bylaws and such was a critical first step in that direction. Following the departure of a longtime leader, who moved away in 2007, meant other volunteers – mostly sandwich generation folks caring for children and aging parents while holding down day jobs – had to step up. They did, with new

elected leadership, a new structure, better communication between members, and an uptick in meetings during controversial episodes like that of the encroaching forest preserve, or to address criticisms making their way through social media or in letters published in the News Review.

Gardening, as the saying goes, is not a tidy hobby. It is digging and dirty fingernails, insects and ibuprofen. It is also heartbreak and surprise.

So how does someone actually get a garden plot in the first place? Tomecek

says to watch for the notice in the News Review two weeks before the annual spring meeting, usually held the first week in March. And even more important, make your wishes known by getting on the waitlist now. And don’t hesitate to inquire about sharing a plot, she and others add. Contact the GCGC via email at greenbelt.community.garden@gmail.com.

On a sunny day in autumn with gardeners busily harvesting and yes, still weeding, the golden sunflowers and crimson zinnias show they’re not just pretty faces, but a key waystation for a few straggling Monarch butterflies on their southwesterly migration. One lands on a Jerusalem artichoke, two more on the zinnias.



Greenbelter Beth Olsen carries home her latest harvest: green beans, cherry tomatoes, spinach, oregano and a bouquet of colorful zinnias, all grown in her community garden plot.

Moving Greenbelt Forward
Vote
MARCAVITCH

I bring experience in: tourism, historic preservation, environmental conservation, and economic planning. I have worked around our community over the last 7 years with Greenbelt Homes Inc, Greenbelt Elementary PTA, and Girl/Boy Scouts.

Consider voting for #8 if you want to see economic development, improved transportation network, preservation, tourism, and a remade MD 193.

See more on my position at the address below or contact me any time.

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ments (MW-COG), or through foundations are discretionary. Greenbelt may well have a number of good projects that it/we could more readily see completed with what would be a successful application for grant money. The city's (our) staff is greater in number and better positioned to submit an application than other communities which do not have the staff resources to do so. If it is a choice whether to fund our own goodies ourselves when we can, we should do it. Other towns without our resources would more likely have the opportunity to benefit from grants for projects they otherwise would not see completed (and maybe with assistance through the Prince George's County Municipal Association, from Greenbelt's staff, and staff from other, larger, more resourced local communities.)

Sustainability is a principle we embrace as an appropriate and necessary element of our community, or it is not. Sustainability some of the time, when it doesn't cost too much, or inconvenience us too much, is not what I believe we mean when we claim it as a principle of who we are and what we're about.

From each . . . to each . . . is as much a principle of a sustainable ecologic environment as it is of a sustainable economic environment.

Rodney M. Roberts

"Yours is a Garden City, never allow the Garden to wither nor be covered by concrete." (Franklin D. Roosevelt). Since President Franklin Roosevelt spoke those words to the new residents of Greenbelt around 1937, huge areas of our "Garden City" have been covered with concrete. An 800-acre Green-Belt of forest has been reduced to less than 250 acres. Creeks and streams have been channelized with concrete. Highways, shopping centers, office parks, apartment complexes, and their parking lots represent hundreds of acres of impervious surfaces which cause runoff that scours and pollutes our creeks, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay. Why would we ever think that we need to justify doing something good for our natural environment? If we are really concerned about the cost of protecting the environment, why are we continuing to use money from our State Program Open Space Funds to do building construction projects such as heating and air-conditioning systems, roofing, etc.? In just the last few years, the City Council has spent well over \$2 million dollars on construction projects. That money should have been spent buying and protecting land and providing grants to our watershed groups to help restore and protect our creeks, streams and other areas.

Judith F. Davis

Being "green" these days is economical!

Promoting recycling and composting saves landfill costs, even when the rates of the County's MERV processing plant are figured in. Installing LED lights in our City facilities and parking lots, using grants from the Maryland Department of Energy, has reduced our electric bill and improved the quality of lighting. Purchasing energy-saving vehicles and tools also reduces energy costs.

Even if grants were not available, short-term costs can result in long-term savings. The construction of our green Public Works building with its use of geo-thermal technology and other green aspects proves this. Saving money is not the only benefit - there is the positive impact on our environment and our future quality of life.

Savvy businesses have caught the "green" bug and now realize there is a huge market for green technology. LEED standards are now automatically incorporated into building design, in both public and private construction projects. Increase in demand has created further innovation and, better yet, lower prices. Environmental businesses and industry are now at the same par as the fossil fuel industry.

Even with the current attack on the reality of climate change and governmental de-regulation, Greenbelt has found that energy efficiency and other green actions save money and are a wise budget decision. Being "green" is a win-win for everyone - it is the smart and right thing to do!

Leta Mach

First we must recognize that climate change is real. The cost of ignoring the words of scientific experts and our own eyes - witness the damage from extreme weather - is high. Green actions, therefore, are necessary.

We do, however, need to evaluate green actions to determine which are most effective. Some actions are more beneficial and provide more impact. For example, while the slow-fill CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) pump at Public Works does a good job for the three CNG vehicles the city owns, the cost of repairing and maintaining the fast-fill CNG facility is too high. A better, more effective, less costly action is adding more hybrid or electric vehicles as well as more small all-electric utility vehicles.

I would also heed the advice of our citizens particularly the Green Team and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green Aces). Another resource I would use is the Sustainable Maryland Certified program, which can help guide us in our efforts.

Another consideration in evaluating actions and their costs is

whether the action brings with it partnerships, grants and other funding. Unless the grant reporting requirements were extremely onerous, partnerships and grants help make green actions very worthwhile.

Another plus for a green action would be if it brought related benefits - such as community involvement and education. This is the case with many of our volunteer projects that help clean parks and lakes, create rain gardens or plant trees that help clean our air. These projects help educate our citizens to actions that they can do themselves in their own yards.

Finally, I would look to the tenets of social auditing in making decisions. The value of actions should be determined not so much by the bottom line, but instead by the socially responsible goals achieved by the action.

Aaron Marcavitch

This question, to me, assumes "green actions" are costlier from a financial point of view. We cannot look at "green actions" only through the lens of financial cost. Instead we must look at these actions through the lens of what we are leaving our children and their children. Climate change is here and we must take bold steps to change our actions. By not acting we are costing the future for these children. We are leaving them a world that is hotter, has less diversity of biology, and is likely to become uninhabitable within the next few centuries.

How energy efficient is our city hall? What is our carbon footprint for the city? How can we reduce our operating costs while being more energy efficient? These questions may lead us to cost savings. Additionally, Greenbelt has an opportunity to lead regionally and nationally. The designers of the city knew how to reduce costs while keeping the community beautiful. They designed buildings to face the appropriate directions to catch the wind and reduce the need for air conditioning. They created large tree canopy which helps keep down the heat island effect. They reduced the car's impact on the community. We would do well to examine their foresight. They were thinking of their children's children. We must do the same.

Colin Byrd

My answer to the cost issue is to cut waste elsewhere in the budget so that the city can take bold green actions. The current U.S. president has suggested that climate change is a hoax created by the Chinese. Yes, Donald Trump has declared war on the environment, but Greenbelt cannot surrender.

I strongly oppose the Maglev, which would harm Greenbelt neighborhoods, harm green spaces, and be expensive to ride, and I oppose the widening of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. It would cost too much money. The tolls would be too high. Homes would be razed. And, ironically, it would ultimately cause more drivers and worsen congestion.

If you elect me, we will also finally take action on the long-delayed sustainable land care issue, and, in doing so, I will work with community leaders to come up with a solution that demonstrates a sincere appreciation for the important and diverse points of view from groups like Green ACES, the Advisory Committee on Trees, and PRAB. I will support more frequent water quality testing and oppose attempts to build dangerous cell towers at Greenbelt schools. I will support reducing city use of fossil fuels and support more solar, wind, and electric vehicle charging stations.

I will also focus on walkability and bikeability. Since Greenbelt streets lack walkability and bikeability, Greenbelt streets are far too unsafe for pedestrians and bikers.

And I will support clean energy state legislation.

But I'm continually learning about how to better protect the environment and do so efficiently. Right now, I am reading a book called Climate of Hope because it explains, among other things, how cities can help save the planet, but I welcome you to also share your ideas with me at 301-957-5014.

Emmett Jordan

I look at "green actions" taken by the City as investments in the future. I do not look for an instant return on the cost. Some "green actions" have the potential for substantial long-term benefits, but the upfront costs are high. Others are not so expensive or difficult to implement, but the potential impact is not as great. However, there is no time like the present to invest in the future.

Council should always use an "evidence-based" approach to decision making, as we set policy for the management of Greenbelt's resources.

Some "green actions" require

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Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance

Celebrate Co-op Month 2017 in Greenbelt

Throughout the month of October there will be a GCA Display in the Greenbelt Library, lower floor; articles and event calendar in this paper and GCA interviews on GATe.

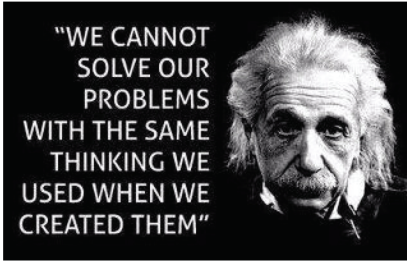
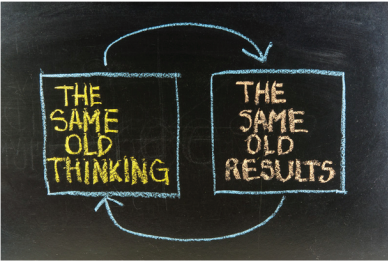
Thursday October 26
8 pm Drawing for Co-op Alliance Gift Basket before showing of Co-op Movies at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. "The Best Move we Ever Made" and "Spirit of Cooperation"
SAW Open Mic, NDC

Friday, October 27
4-7 pm Beer Tasting of cooperative brewery beer, GCS&P

Saturday October 28
9am- noon (or when truck is full) GFCU Community Shredding, Parking lot in front of Aquatic Center
8:30- 11 pm Wild Anacostias, NDC

Abbreviations: (GCA) Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance;(GNR) Greenbelt News Review;(GHI) Greenbelt Homes Inc.:(NDC) New Deal Café; (GCS&P) Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy; (GFCU) Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

Please VOTE - You Can Make a Difference...



• Vote with 10-year Term Limits in Mind •

Question: Should you vote to re-elect someone to solve a problem that became an issue under their leadership?

Four incumbents have served 14 to 36 years. And they should be commended on their service to the community. But they should not be elected for life. It is time to ask them to step down.

Members get entrenched in how they think, act, and respond to people and issues. We need to break the cycle.

We need a council with a positive vision, not just a "No" attitude. Lets get to work on a Greater Greener Greenbelt!

• Vote for Qualified Challengers •

Question: What set of attitudes, skills and experience should you consider when you examine the 7 challengers?

Council needs fresh ideas, critical thinking skills, leadership, and a drive to succeed. Council needs to be proactive, not reactive.

Vote for challengers with experience in science, technology, entrepreneurship, business, and community development.

Vote for challengers with a commitment to the community and demonstrated success in producing positive results.



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By authority of George Boyce, Candidate



Residents of Woodland Hills enjoy their annual picnic in the woods between Northway and Woodland Way on Sunday, October 15.

Emergency Radio Services Are Ready When Needed

by Matthew Arbach

The members of Prince George’s County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (PGARES) and Prince George’s County Emergency Radio Association (PGCERA) hope that their services will never be needed. They are trained in the event standard systems of communication have broken down and an auxiliary system is needed. The calamity most planned for is a catastrophic weather event, yet other possible events might involve a mass casualty situation, such as a train derailment. Both groups are comprised of amateur radio operators, who must be FCC licensed.

PGARES “provides emergency communication support” in the event of a circumstance when “cell towers are down or overloaded” and “when the land lines are down and the power is out,” according to their website. It is the local, county affiliate of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), an organization that straddles the U.S. and Canada. It is sponsored by both the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the Radio Amateurs of Canada. Every county is supposed to have its own branch of ARES, though not all are active. PGARES is quite active and is led by Executive Chief Jim Montgomery. Its funds come from members, public donations as well as grants to PGCERA. The current number of members is around 40, some of whom also belong to PGCERA. According to Montgomery, members are asked “to drill four times a year plus two required day time exercises” in “service to our county Health Department.”

PGCERA is a completely local organization, incorporated in the State of Maryland as a 501(c) (3) charitable organization, says secretary/treasurer, Jim Tilton. Even though its mandate is very similar to that of PGARES, its “primary purpose is to materially support the activities of PGARES.” According to their website, PGCERA is “organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communications for the establishments of networks to provide vital communication in the event of disasters or other emergencies for the public welfare.” Unlike PGARES, it can own property and receive tax-deductible donations which are

used to fund projects. Funds are provided by private donations and are channeled into endeavors like “scholarships, education, disasters and public service events, maintenance of the various repeaters and membership activities.”

PGCERA and PGARES have a presence at the six major county hospitals, namely Laurel Regional, Doctors Community, Bowie Health Center, Washington Medical, Southern Maryland and Prince George’s.

PGCERA affairs are run by a board of directors, elected yearly by general members. Currently, the organization has 18 members, all of whom belong to PGARES as well.

Two recent events in the area qualified for use of these organizations. The Charles County ARES participated in the alert for the tornado that struck La Plata in April of 2002. During Hurricane Irene, operators helped to support shelter operations at the Baden and later, Brandywine Volunteer Fire Department, says Montgomery.

PGCERA has provided the smooth running of the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade since the early 1990s. PGARES has a hand in it as well, with 15 of its members providing assistance this year alone. The current lead organizer is Jim Tilton. Tilton also belongs to PGARES. He is a computer engineer at NASA and has been primarily focused on satellite mapping projects. His interest in amateur radio began as a teenager and he holds extra-class licensing.

On Saturday, October 7, PGARES conducted a Simulated Emergency Test at Ocean City. They were working from the premise that a major hurricane

had taken out the standard communication systems in the area, including the Washington D.C. area. Tilton related that the group involved set out to “practice providing emergency communications with portable communications equipment over amateur radio.”

Of note, around 50 amateur radio operators from ARRL have traveled to Puerto Rico to aid in the recovery of the island from Hurricane Maria, using ham radio equipment to compensate for the destruction of the normal modes of communication.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information, call 240-542-8625.



Roosevelt Team Advances To County Championship

by Coach Scott Fifield

In the last two weeks, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School girls volleyball team has won a thrilling four-set match over Bowie, reached the championship match of Wilson High School’s Tiger Paws tournament and wrapped up the county’s 4A championship and a spot in the county championship match on November 1 against the 3A/2A/1A champion (Douglass or Oxon Hill). The team is now 14-2 with both losses coming in the tournament to Holy Cross. In addition to the win over Bowie,

the Raiders defeated Wilson and Bishop McNamara in the Tiger Paws tournament.

Sophomore outside hitter Jourdan Page leads the Raiders with 66 kills and 45 aces through Monday’s matches. Senior libero Nia Scott was the team’s MVP in the Wilson tournament and leads the team with 22 digs.

Senior night is Thursday, October 26 against Wise at 6:30 p.m. Roosevelt hopes to host 4A playoff matches on November 6, 8 and 10.



A muskrat stores up lunch for later at the Lake.



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A Review

GAC’s Beau Jest: A Hilarious And Tangled Web, Indeed

by Jim Link



Left to right, Steve Rosenthal as Abe, Winard Britt as Joel, Shelley Rochester as Miriam, Anwar Al-Mallah as Bob, Sarah Scott as Sarah. Not pictured: Tunde Sho as Chris.

What happens when a good Jewish girl is too intimidated to bring home an inappropriate boyfriend (non-Jewish and black to boot) to her loving but rigid and controlling parents? Why she simply rents a beau from the Heaven Sent Escort Agency to temporarily placate them.

But what a tangled web Sarah Goldman weaves when she tries to deceive her parents, Abe and Miriam. Her initial maneuver triggers an abundance of hilarity and tension in James Sherman’s Beau Jest, the very satisfying comedy now at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC).

An exploration of religion and ethnicity as the glue that keeps families intact, Beau Jest is also the story of a young woman’s dawning individualism and the risks and complexities of romantic relationships.

Veteran director and co-producer Norma Ozur (also a co-founder of GAC) has assembled a top-notch cast which really delivers the goods – a clever, thoughtful play fit for the whole family.

The cast of six shows great chemistry in a tight, efficient plot. The ingenious twist that propels and complicates the action is that Doctor David Steinberg, the rented, invented beau

turns out to be a dream suitor who falls in love with Sarah and vice versa. He’s a medical doctor who knows enough Hebrew to celebrate Seder with the Goldman family, for heaven’s sake. Alas Bob Schroeder (Dr. Dave’s real name) is not Jewish. Oy!

Sarah Scott is very winsome as the confused object of desire of two men. The third angle in this love triangle is Chris Kringle played excellently by the tall, dark and handsome Tunde Sho. A hunky bundle of tact and sensitivity, Sho is a real presence on stage; he is alert to all of the action around him, acting well even when he is not speaking.

Anwar Al-Mallah is comfortable, smooth and easy going – very impressive as Dr. Dave, the besotted actor whose feelings become real.

Shelley Rochester as mama Miriam and Steve Rosenthal as father Abe mesh beautifully with their kvetching, bickering and somewhat obtuse love for their daughter. Though hilarious, they make their pain at being lied to very real.

Winard Britt gives his usual solid performance as Sarah’s psychiatrist brother Joel, who shrewdly sees through his sister’s ruse.

The production team is a who’s who of professional expertise: Trix Whitehall, a founding member of GAC, is co-producer; Tommy Zanner and Rebecca Gardner light up the stage; Penny Martin is the costumier; the sound technician is 6th grader Felix Hass, already a veteran; Frances Ozur Cole is the graphics designer.

Last but hardly least is Den Giblin, the sound designer, whose song choices are wonderfully apt for the action. The audience’s ear is treated to Doris Day (Once I Had a Secret Love), David Lee Roth (Just a Gigolo), Roy Orbison (Crying), Eurythmics (Sweet Dreams) and the Beatles (Dr. Robert).

Find out how this tangled web unweaves on October 27, 28, November 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and October 29, November 5 at 2 p.m.

At the New Deal Café

Sunday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers are welcome. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jazz Brunch with the Peter Reppert Jazz Trio. 3 to 5 p.m., Our Revolution. Prince George’s Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk will speak on the immense barriers to raising money and running for office. 7 to 9 p.m., Eleanor’s New Deal Cabaret presents D’Manda’s House of Horrors!... and Showtunes. Drag hostess D’Manda Martini and her ensemble of singers are thrilled to return to the New Deal Cabaret this Halloween for another night of big voices and showy numbers. Don’t forget to get spooky and win some fun prizes by entering the costume contest. Reservations are encouraged.

Monday, October 30, no events. The café is open 7 to 11 a.m. for Vigilante coffee and Uptown Bakers pastries.

Tuesday, October 31, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., The Loose Ends. Roots rock with a mix of alt-country, rockabilly and vintage rock & roll, along with a number of originals and some special songs for All Hallow’s Eve.

Wednesday, November 1, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Kings of Crownsville. A six-piece band making essential music with guitar, keyboards, trumpet, trombone, bass and drums, their sound is a sizzling musical synthesis of Mississippi and Soho, Newport and New Orleans.

Thursday, November 2, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriters’ Association of Washington (SAW) Open Mic with Paige Powell.

Friday, November 3, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., London Calling. A tribute to the legendary bands of the 60s and 70s, the group features music from The Who, Kinks, Stones, Beatles, Queen, Pink Floyd and more.

At the Library

English Conversation Club, Monday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. Registration is recommended, as space is limited. This club will meet weekly on Monday evenings.

Storytimes

Tuesday, October 31, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Wednesday, November 1, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, November 2, Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 0 to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

STEM for Families

Saturday, November 4, 10:30 a.m., ages 5 to 12, Construction for Kids. Join in on open and structured building with a variety of materials, including Legos and Duplos.

STEM-tastic: Crazy 8s Math

Season 1 (Grades 3 to 5) Tuesday, November 7, 5:30 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 15 children. Let kids get fired up about math with the Crazy 8s after-school math club. Each week participants may build stuff, make music or play games while bonding with new friends over math.

Note: Advance registration will open one week prior to each session. This 8-week program will be conducted on Tuesday afternoons through November 11 (no session on October 31). Contact the library branch information staff for details either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

Lecture Series

Tuesday, November 7, 7 p.m. Black Beauty: The African Origins of Fashion and Style, will be the next session of the Fall 2017 season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. Other sessions will be presented during the fall on Tuesday evenings, except October 31, through November 21.

Donation Drive At Community Church

This Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, the Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ invites donations for their quarterly Donation Drive. Bring gently used clothing, books and small household items to the church between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on October 28, and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on October 29. Items should be smaller than 18” x 18” x 18” and placed in kitchen-sized plastic bags or small, sealed cardboard boxes. Donors will receive a receipt for their donation and a discount coupon for Value Village. Volunteers are available to pick up items from Greenbelt homes during those same times. Greenbelt Community Church conducts the donation drive in conjunction with Value Village and receives funds based on the weight of the items collected. Money raised supports programs in our community. Call 301-345-1849 to arrange for a pick-up or for more information.



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By Authority of Ellen Carter, Treasurer

Re-elect

Emmett V. Jordan

Greenbelt City Council

“Over the past 8 years, I have provided thoughtful leadership to City Council decision-making. Many of the initiatives I have spearheaded are showing results. I am running to continue work on the important issues facing Greenbelt.”

Efficient Delivery of City Services

I will be looking at ways to improve services, cut costs, and invest in our staff and infrastructure. I’m committed to the balanced distribution of resources for public safety, recreation, and other services throughout Greenbelt.

Enhancing Public Safety And Trust

Council implemented a Police Body Camera program last year under my leadership to protect our officers and residents. This year, Council will have room in the budget to increase the number of police officers patrolling our neighborhoods.

Working for a Stronger Greenbelt

Attracting desirable business activities and encouraging commercial redevelopment will reduce Greenbelt’s reliance on residential taxes.

“I am committed to protecting the City’s unique legacy while working to ensure a vibrant future for Greenbelt through planning and action...”

I respectfully ask for one of your votes in the upcoming election.

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behavior changes. The City has attempted to make most of festivals and special events “zero waste” activities. Experience is showing that it takes volunteers and staff to help the public adapt to this approach. Changing behavior takes a long-term commitment.

Other measures involve financial investments by the City. City facilities continue to be upgraded to improve energy efficiency. We have moved to LED and other types of more efficient light fixtures and added motion detectors to lighting in some buildings. HVAC systems are being upgraded.

A financially conservative approach to “green actions” is to wait for capital items or infrastructure to reach the “end-of-life” to implement improvements. This approach has been used with the City’s vehicle fleet. As vehicles reach their end of life, they are replaced with more efficient vehicles. These new vehicles cost more, but we now have many hybrid vehicles in our fleet and we will begin to purchase more electric vehicles as they are now a proven technology. In order to install solar panels, a roof must be strong enough to bear the additional weight. Ideally, they are installed when a roof is replaced.

I favor accelerating these “green action” investments, but we are limited by the realities of our budget.

Silke Pope

The City’s sustainability plan lays out short-term and long-term goals for reductions in energy consumption and emissions and increases the use of sustainable products. Simple and affordable changes such as using smart power-strips whenever possible can help reduce energy consumption by idling equipment. Using paper products with high recycled content, insuring new office equipment meets energy star and EPEAT (Environmental Product Environmental Assessment Tool) designations and using office supplies that are recyclable, compostable or reusable are all attainable and affordable goals. Continuing to replace lighting fixtures around the City to allow us to switch to more efficient lighting types is another attainable goal.

While it is important that we do whatever is financially feasible and work within our budget, the fiscal reality is that we are unable

to afford every green alternative and action. While we do not currently have the available land and finances to install a solar farm capable of providing all the City’s power needs, we should be able to install solar panels on some buildings to help offset costs.

As a City, we must constantly be aware of developments in newer, more affordable technologies and options for energy conservation and sustainability. The Council has a responsibility to stay up to date on current green technologies and products by attending workshops and trainings that will help the council make the best decisions for our City. We must be forward thinking in our approach to green initiatives and actions.

Greenbelt has made a lot of progress in being an environmentally friendly and forward-thinking city. And due to this progress, we have again been certified as a Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipality. We can and will continue to make more progress with careful and fiscally responsible decisions.

Susan Stewart

It is a false choice to say that “going green” is too costly. In fact, most of the “green” initiatives I have ever seen have extra benefit of being more cost-efficient in the long run.

No one speaks of the huge costs of a energy-wasting, water-wasting, pollution-causing, land-destroying, fossil fuel dependent system. These costs are hidden from us day-to-day. Money is being thrown away every time we missed the opportunity to conserve electricity, sprayed with unneeded pesticides, or wasted water. We spend money removing litter from creeks. When we don’t our neighborhoods look trashy, plummeting home values. Poor city planning for water runoff creates erosion problems, causing property damage.

Open the picture wider to witness our contribution to problems beyond our city. Our water runoff and pollution harms the Chesapeake Bay, the pride and joy of our state. Failure to reduce our landfill trash by recycling and composting, means landfills become full and shut down, raising prices for us all, as landfill space is limited. We are witnessing the damage from climate changed-fueled hurricanes wiping out major cities, increasing costs on

federal dollars to rebuild. Lastly, hidden health care costs from being made sick from pollution, such as asthma, deplete our private budgets.

In the face of all of this, we can find optimism. Solar and wind costs are dropping, now competitive with any fossil fuel. Clean energy is a job-creator, employing workers in reliable, safe jobs. Planting trees and rain gardens beautify our neighborhoods and give us pride. Good bus routes make our city more accessible for all residents and supports vibrant businesses. Encouraging folks to walk and bike is fun and keeps us healthy. What is the cost of saving the planet? I say, what are we waiting for?

George Boyce

This week’s question covers a wide range of topics with an equally wide range of consequences from a chosen action (or inaction).

This last month brought three startling new threats to Greenbelt’s greatest asset, our “green belt” itself. Governor Hogan’s highway plan to add four new express toll lanes to both the Beltway and the Parkway would be a dagger to the heart of our community, destroying homes and forest. Citizen outrage was immediate, and council was quick to signal rejection of the proposal. It was therefore provocative for Commerce Secretary Mike Gil to attend the recent council “business coffee” and, as guest speaker, promote Hogan’s plan. It shows that we must remain vigilant and vocal, united in our opposition.

The SCMaglev project, also promoted by Governor Hogan, is a private venture to route an ultra-fast train from DC to Baltimore. Two of the proposed routes pass through Greenbelt. While much of the track would be underground, one proposal is to emerge directly into and destroying our forest preserve. Then, with little detail and no environmental study, Hogan announced support for the rival Hyperloop technology developed by Elon Musk. This too would likely tunnel through Greenbelt under the Parkway.

We must fight the transfer of the Parkway from National Park Service to the Maryland Transportation Authority, and oppose Hogan’s mega plans at every stage. We don’t need more cars on the roads nor hyper-speed

trains that go nowhere and fail to service our regional needs. We need smarter planning.

On a local level, we need to pursue green solutions to many different problems. Solar panels to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Organic herbicides to reduce toxic chemicals. Garden roofs, rain barrels, and rain gardens to reduce storm water runoff. The benefits of being “green” are too numerous to list.

Edward Putens

For many years, including all my years on the Council, we have always put the environment and environmental impacts first. I don’t think we have ever calculated the cost-benefit ratio in dollars and cents. So we have planted more trees than others would; opposed new developments that would meet other cities’ standards but not ours; and bought forest land for no one to live on. I concede that some cost-conscious financial analysts would have advised against these decisions and that some think we have hugged a few trees too many.

There are, however, numerous examples of “cost-benefit analyses” that illustrate the benefits of “going green.” One major “financial benefit” is, in fact, cost savings. Homes, businesses, and cities focused on energy reduction help the environment but also lower energy bills. But a green city saves in other ways too; recycling is integral to a green policy because it saves energy, water and other natural resources.


Being a green city is not just about city government actions. It’s a community commitment that everyone reading this can join. We can all lower energy costs through simple steps like shutting off lights and computers when they’re not in use. Replacing 100-watt incandescent bulbs with 25-watt CFLs will use 75 percent less energy but also save over \$100 yearly.

I never like to criticize “environmental extremists” because some people think it means us. Yes, we do have a reputation - and we’re proud of it! I notice some new voices in this campaign touting their commitment to the environment. Mine are already a matter of record.

GES Seeks Career Day Presenters

Greenbelt Elementary School will host Career Day on Friday, November 17 between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Career Day presenters are needed for children eager to learn more about their future career options.

Presenters can speak to one class for 25 to 30 minutes or stay longer and present to additional classes. Hands-on experiences or active presentations that will hold the students’ interest are best. Ages range from pre-K to 5th grade. Contact Lin Orrin at lorrin39@gmail.com to volunteer.



CITY OF GREENBELT

ELECTION

INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING

NO MORE EXCUSES!

EARLY VOTING: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING.

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane
Saturday, October 28th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and
Sunday, October 29th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
Mondays – Fridays through November 3rd, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesdays until 8:00 pm

ABSENTEE VOTING: Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot.

An ABSENTEE BALLOT may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may: 1) pick up in the City Clerk’s office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov, or 3) print from the City’s Web site at www.greenbeltnmd.gov; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 6, 2017. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 7, 2017.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 3, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk’s office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to banderson@greenbeltnmd.gov.



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SCMAGLEV Train Proposal

by Maria Herd

Six possible routes for a high speed train that would connect Washington D.C. to Baltimore have been narrowed down to three. Two of those proposed routes would pass through Greenbelt, potentially affecting nearly 1,000 residences and businesses.

The Federal Railroad Administration and Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) are evaluating the potential impacts of constructing and operating a high speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) train system through a \$27.8 million federal grant.

The train would travel over 300 mph from Washington D.C. to Baltimore within 15 minutes. It would be the most advanced high speed train system in the world. Because the train magnetically levitates, the only noise impact is from displaced air.

The agencies held an open house for the public to learn about the proposal and give feedback at Bowie State University on Saturday, October 14. About 600 people had signed in within the first hour of the three-hour event, said a staff member at the registration table.

Large blown-up maps of the potential lines were laid out on several tables while posters around the room displayed the purposes and steps of the proposal.

“Prince George’s County would not benefit in any form or way,” said Laurence Winston, a retired resident of Glen Arden who is against the construction of the train. “Middle income people would receive no benefit.”

He said that residents in the surrounding area would have to drive to Baltimore or Washington D.C. to get on the train because there are no proposed stops in between. Winston also said that he has heard the cost of a ticket would be similar to a flight.

A handout of frequently asked questions available at the open house states that ticket prices will “be very competitive with those of express rail services for similar trips on the corridor.”

Winston also expressed concerns about residents losing their homes to the project through eminent domain.

“Eminent domain does not give market price and many seniors cannot afford to buy in this area,” he said. Suhair Al Khatib,

Deputy Administrator and Chief Planning, Programming and Engineering Officer of the Maryland Department of Transportation, told the Greenbelt News Review that “eminent domain is not an option at this point.”

Al Khatib said that the government would only buy property if sellers were willing. One of the proposed six routes that would have invoked eminent domain has been dropped.

Yet Bowie resident Dennis Brady, who served on his city council for over 20 years, is skeptical.

“The one that goes through Bowie, I don’t see how they can do that without invoking eminent domain,” he said.

Brady is the chair of the grassroots group that formed in response to the proposal Citizens Fighting Against the SCMAGLEV Train.

The group formed by word of mouth when “we saw how devastating it could be for many communities. That’s what got us hooked,” Brady said. Their Facebook group has over 2,000 members.

Another group member, Bill Boone, is a Geographic Information Systems expert. Using his software at home, county property tax information and maps of the proposed routes that are available online, he tallied the number of residences and businesses that would be impacted by each route.

The proposed underground blue line would impact 913 residences and businesses in Greenbelt, according to Boon’s calculations. The purple underground line would affect 923.

“We know that quite a few residences along the three retained lines have not received any notification or anything in the mail,” Brady said.

Since the group formed, organizers started researching other aspects of the SCMAGLEV that have brought additional concerns to the table.

Similar projects around the world “have been started and scrapped, or are heavily subsidized by the government to stay in operation,” Brady said.

Trains using magnetic levitation technology have been constructed and operated in Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan and South Korea.

Brady also said that there is

currently not enough information available on funding. He has been told that the government plans to take out a \$5 billion loan from Japan to construct the train and that tickets from ridership should pay for the rest.

However, the train’s projected ridership numbers are at least twice as high as Amtrak’s current passenger totals, according to a well-researched letter Citizens Against the SCMAGLEV sent to MDOT this month.

In 2016, around 5 million passengers boarded Amtrak trains in Washington D.C. and around 2 million did in Baltimore, including its airport. But not all of these 7 million passengers traveled between the two cities, they just boarded trains at those stations.

The letter says that in the project’s state filing, annual ridership is estimated to be between 10.2 million and 15.4 million. The citizen group has requested information on how those estimates were concluded.

“The numbers don’t add up,” Brady said. “We’ve been asking and we’re not getting answers. There has been a lack of transparency.”

The citizen group is worried that the burden of keeping the train operational would fall on tax payers and take away money from other transportation needs like Amtrak, the Metro and roads.

The “implementation of the project would be funded by a

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Election 2017

Why Vote in the Greenbelt City Council Election?

by Donna Hoffmeister

The ability to vote has expanded over time. In 1776 one had to be a white Protestant man over 21 and a property owner in order to vote. The passage of the 14th and 15th amendments to the U.S. Constitution gave voting rights to African Americans. Women were not allowed to vote until 1920 and Native Americans won that right in 1947. But why vote in the local election? Are you concerned about what happens in Greenbelt? Are there issues you care about and do you know which of the 13 candidates are also interested in the issues that matter to you?

The Greenbelt News Review plays a major role before each election in acquainting voters with the candidates, their views and backgrounds. GHI held their Council Candidate Forum on October 3 which was streamed on greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv. Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition, Inc. hosted a meet-and-greet forum in Greenbriar on October 5 where Greenbelters could meet one-on-one with candidates.

Our city government affects many aspects of our daily lives. By voting, you make your voice heard about what goes on in Greenbelt.

St. Gregory’s Slavic Food Fest Nov. 4

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church will hold its annual Slavic Food Fest and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with door prizes every half hour.

Eastern European ethnic foods, including holupki, pirohi, halushki and kolbassi with sauerkraut, will be available for eat-in and carry-out. The bake sale includes five types of kolachi: walnut, poppyseed, lekvar/prune, apricot and raspberry.

St. Gregory’s is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville. For more information, call 301-953-9323 or 301-474-2219. See ad on page 17.

Botanic Garden Goes Bats this Saturday

On Saturday, October 28, the U.S. Botanic Garden will hold a festival, Bat Bonanza. Visitors can come dressed as a bat or as a plant pollinated by a bat or simply join us and learn about bats. There will be bat-related activities throughout the Conservatory for visitors to learn why bats matter. The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is free and no pre-registration is required.



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October 28th, 2017

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Re-Elect ED PUTENS

OPPOSE THE ALIGNMENTS OF THE PROPOSED MAGLEV TRAIN THROUGH GREENBELT THAT WILL DESTROY OUR FOREST PRESERVE AND THREATENS THE HOMES OF GREENBRIAR RESIDENTS.

OPPOSE THE WIDENING OF THE BW PARKWAY AND I-495!

Support our senior citizens so they can continue enjoying life in their own homes. Support for a **second senior living facility**, as Green Ridge house has no more room and a long waiting list.

Keep **tax rates** at the **lowest levels** consistent with community needs while providing a high level of public services.

Strong support for adequate police protection, reduction of persistent street crime, and traffic safety improvements.

PROTECT the legacy of the “green belt”, through **acquiring** and protecting **OUR** open space with the use of **conservation easements**.

“Someone you know and trust”

...STILL WORKING FOR YOU! ...

Authority: John Winfrey, Treasurer

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spring through fall of 2018. This plan has been discussed in several public meetings, and the city has now published and mailed to all residences in Greenbelt a detailed explanation of the benefits of the project and the merits of the type of loan the state will make available to the city to accomplish it.

Mosquitoes

Council decided to take some steps toward eventually participating in the state’s mosquito control program. Greenbelt had decided not to take part in the state’s spray program several years ago, with the result that it is now neither sprayed nor tested for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Mosquitoes in three communities near Greenbelt have tested positive for West Nile virus in recent months, including in New Carrollton and Hyattsville. While continuing to discuss the options, the city will put itself on the waiting list for testing and expand information for residents on measures to reduce mosquito populations.

Compact to Combat Hate

At council’s September 11 meeting, resident Colin Byrd requested that the city join the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Anti-Defamation League Mayors’ Compact to Combat Hate, Extremism and Bigotry. These groups announced the formation of the compact following hate crime incidents in Charlottesville, Va. In Maryland, the mayors of Baltimore, College Park, Hyattsville, Somerset and Salisbury have already signed on. Greenbelt’s council unanimously voted to do so as well.

CDBG Funds

Council voted to support the staff recommendation in applying to the county for Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBG) to begin in July 2018. In 2015 the city applied for and was awarded \$116,250 for improvements on Breezewood Drive from Springhill Lane to Cherrywood Terrace. That work will take place this fall. Council voted to apply for \$129,593 this year for a second phase of improvements to Breezewood Drive from Edmonston Road to Springhill Lane, including base repair, replacement of curbs and gutters, ADA-compliant ramps and installation of concrete bus pads and landscaping. Although the city has sometimes applied for CDBG funds for public service programs, this year there is more funding available under the rubric of public infrastructure projects, so applying in that area seems more likely to be successful.

Vehicles, Equipment

It was a big evening for vehicle and equipment purchases. The Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund includes funding for seven police vehicles: three Ford Police Interceptor sport utility vehicles, three Ford Fusion hybrid sedans and one Chevrolet Tahoe K-9 sport utility vehicle. Primarily with funds available in the 2018 replacement budget, a number of items for Public Works and for Community Development were approved for purchase, including a Doosan air compressor, a trailer-mounted leaf vacuum, a Ford Transit 250 cargo van and a Nissan Leaf electric sedan. The latter will be the city’s first electric sedan.

Medical Cannabis

Time for Healing, LLC is one of two companies that are pre-

approved as medical cannabis dispensaries in State Legislative District 22, in which Greenbelt is located. Terri White, CEO, and Darrell Carrington presented information at the meeting about their plans and operation. They expect to open during 2018 and say their preferred location is Greenbelt, but they have not settled on a location. Greenbelt resident Lolly Gaines, who has multiple sclerosis, spoke about the great need for availability of the product for those who suffer from many kinds of illnesses for which it is the best treatment. Carrington said that at this point, the only clinic open in Maryland is in Frederick, but there are a number on the verge of opening. In response to a question about the security of the facilities and treatment, Carrington described some of the processes, concluding, “This is the most heavily regulated industry in the state.”

Petitions and Requests

Resident Aileen Kroll and others asked for a status report from council on their earlier request that the city send a letter to the county council asking for release of the draft version of a Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) for Greenbelt, concurrent passage of an NCOZ for Greenbelt with the adoption of the ordinance and a freeze on density until there is an NCOZ in place.

George Boyce made two requests. He asked that the city assist in making it possible for the new group he’s organizing, called Greenbelt Votes, to use the park at Greenbelt Station for a voting rally. Boyce was told by the developers that since they will be turning that space over to the city, they would prefer that the city handle any use of it. He also asked for consideration of reducing the process of getting an absentee ballot in some way that would eliminate having to request the ballot as a separate step.

Ric Gordon asked council to take a strong position in opposition to the “vitriol” of the current administration in Washington. Bill Orleans said the city council meets in executive session too much and doesn’t report back enough. Colin Byrd asked for information on how many city employees live in Greenbelt.

John Draygo of the Arts Advisory Board suggested that Greenbelt develop an arts council like Laurel’s, which has more autonomy than simply being an advisory group.

On the consent agenda, council also approved sending a support letter for an application from the Friends of Greenbelt Theatre for a Preservation Maryland Heritage Fund Grant of \$5,000 to support outreach efforts to mark the theater’s 80th anniversary.

Art Exchange Offers A Halloween Thing

The College Park Arts Exchange holds a Halloween Thing on October 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at Youth and Family Services in College Park. Free activities include a Halloween parade and a raffle with prizes and crafts with the College Park Arts Exchange.

Kids are invited to join in fun arts activities with Arts Specialist Aaron Springer at College Park Community Center, 5101 Pierce Avenue in College Park. The event is free and best for ages three and up with a caregiver.

Greenbelt West Leads New Voter Registration

by Mary Moien

City Voter Registration (as of 10/6/17)								
	October 2011	October 2013	October 2015	October 2017	Increase 2015-2017	number of new registrants	distribution of new registrants	distribution of all registrants
Precinct	2011	2013	2015	2017	2015-2017	2015-2017		
03-Comm. Center	2,781	2,837	2,656	2,799	5.4%	143	10.8%	21.9%
06-Police Station	2,331	2,249	2,154	2,199	2.1%	45	3.4%	17.2%
08-Greenbelt West	2,188	1,993	2,045	2,886	41.1%	841	63.7%	22.6%
13-Greenbriar	2,548	2,519	2,422	2,585	6.7%	163	12.3%	20.2%
18-Turning Point	2,104	2,543	2,177	2,306	5.9%	129	9.8%	18.1%
TOTAL	11,952	12,141	11,454	12,775	11.5%	1,321	100.0%	100.0%

November 7 is Election Day in Greenbelt. For the first time in several elections, an incumbent (Konrad Herling) has decided not to run. This leaves a vacancy that many Greenbelters are anxious to fill, which may be one reason that voter registration is up. More than 1,300 Greenbelt residents have registered to vote since the last city election in 2015. The total registration, as provided by Prince George’s County, is 12,775, an increase of 11.5 percent in the last two years. This is the largest number registered for the last four city elections. Greenbelt West led the increase; over 60 percent of newly registered voters reside there. (See accompanying table)

Greenbelt Station may be another factor in the registration increases. For many years, Greenbelt West consisted only of Franklin Park, a large apartment development formerly known as Springhill Lake. Now there is Greenbelt Station, the new townhome and apartment development at the far western edge of the city. Although a limited number of residents were there for the 2015 election, there are many more people living there now. A rough estimate is that there may now be around 1,000 residents currently residing in Greenbelt Station.

Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, October 28, Leave No Trace. Join a ranger for an interpretive talk, Leave No Trace. The program will build awareness, appreciation and the respect for America’s public lands by teaching minimum impact skills ethics. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 10 a.m.

Saturday, October 28, Campfire Talk. The Goatman: Is He a Myth? A Halloween Campfire. As Halloween approaches, shiver with the frost on the pumpkin (or with fear of the Goatman?) and warm yourself before a fire, as a park ranger describes the myth (or is it?!) of the Goatman, a bizarre creature sighted frequently in this vicinity. Beware, because the Goatman may be in the Greenbelt woods and might be glimpsed in the firelight. Meet at Campfire Circle in Loop B of the campground at 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 29, Greenbelt Walking Club. Get healthy in the park. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m. to walk the 1.4-mile Loop Road.



Registration increases

At the time of the 2015 city election, there had been decreases in voter registration in all segments of the city, with the exception of Greenbelt West which had a 2.6 percent increase. The largest decrease was 14.4 percent in the eastern segment of the city (Turning Point). Now there have been increases since 2015 in registration in all sections of the city. Greenbelt West led the increases with a 41 percent increase. In the other parts of the city, the increases ranged from 2.1 percent to 6.7 percent.

Precincts

Registration data by precinct are summarized in the table above. Precinct numbers are established by the county and names often refer to the voting location. In 2017, for the first

time, Greenbelt West has the largest number of registered voters with 22.6 percent of the total registration. However, the city is not described by voting precincts, but by the location of residents. Usually, people think of Greenbelt as being in three sections, Center City (which comprises precincts 03 and 06), Greenbelt East (precincts 13 and 18) and Greenbelt West (precinct 08). With that grouping in mind, Center City and Greenbelt East have virtually identical percentages of the registered voters – 39 and 38 percent respectively. Greenbelt West has 23 percent. In past elections, Greenbelt West has also had a very low turnout. It will be interesting to see if this segment of the city will now have an increased percentage of actual voters on election day.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 2, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. **GDC Open Session – begins at 7:30 p.m.**

- Review 2018 GDC Operating Budget
- Establish a Date for Continuation of Strategic Planning Review

1. **GHI Open Session – following the GDC meeting**

- Announcement of Executive Session Meetings Held on October 19, 2017
- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on October 5, 2017
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on October 5, 2017
- Certification of Yardline Boundaries for 13J-Z3 Hillside Rd
- Request by the Member of 14-J Ridge Rd to Allow Non-conforming Roof and Windows for a Proposed Addition
- Request by the Member of 13-N Ridge Rd to Allow a Non-conforming Service-side Entry Door
- Review 2018 GHI Budget - 1st reading
- Proposed Board Resolution to Support the City of Greenbelt’s Dam Repair Funding Proposal
- Proposal to Change the Next Board Meeting Date from November 16 to November 15

To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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Birds in Greenbelt



PHOTO BY MARIANA GUERRERO

2 cormorants, 2 ducks and 3 turtles at the Lake



PHOTO BY MARY MURCHISON-EDWARDS

Young hawk perched in a tree near Schrom Hills Park

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mix of federal, international, and private funding,” stated a report by MDOT.

“It’s a concern for our wallets because if they build it they’re going to require subsidies to operate it in the future,” said Brady.

Brady is also frustrated that Amtrak is not included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which by law requires all possible solutions to be considered.

“Amtrak is a viable solution. It should be considered in the analysis as an alternate which they have refused to include,” he said. “That would be the no build option.”

In January, Amtrak sent a letter to MDOT outlining several concerns with the SCMAGLEV proposal. The letter explained how Amtrak recently conducted its own EIS that ruled out building a new route; instead, it recommended to improve the existing rail line. Furthermore, Amtrak has already taken out a \$2.5 billion loan with the Federal Railroad Administration to purchase high speed trains and improve the existing infrastructure between Washington D.C. and Baltimore.

Over 20 different factors are being evaluated in an EIS for the three remaining SCMAGLEV routes, referred to as alignments.

“The goal is to end up with one alignment, but if we’re not successful then the recommendation would be no build,” said Al Khatib. “There are four options: three alignments and a no build.”

Al Khatib also explained that these alignments are not permanent proposals, and could be moved to mitigate impacts.

“The line could move East or West to North or South, or it could go underground,” he said. “That would be more costly to build a tunnel, but we would weigh that against the impact of having the line above ground.”

He stressed that the goal is to minimize impact as much as possible and that the proposal is still in the early stages.

“We are here to listen to what people have to say,” Al Khatib said.

A draft of the EIS should be completed by next fall, and the final statement by the winter of

2019. The original 14 potential alignments were narrowed down to six and then three based on geometrics and elevation.

Project Director David Henley emphasized the positive impacts of the proposed train including an increase in GDP, environmental benefits and job growth.

“The hope is to bring a lot of jobs for construction and that operating jobs would remain,” he said.

The train is projected to create 74,000 construction jobs in the state and sustain 1,500 operation jobs. MDOT projects the state’s GDP would increase by \$6.5 billion during construction and \$268 million annually after opening. Environmental benefits include a projected 2,000,000 ton decrease of greenhouse gases.

“These impacts would be felt not only state wide but country wide,” Henley said.

The idea of a MAGLEV train “generated considerable interest in Maryland during the 1990s,” reported the Baltimore Sun. “But the discussion faded after 2000 because of concerns about costs and disruption to neighborhoods,

among other issues.”

Additional open house events for residents to learn and share their input on the potential train are coming up this month: October 16 in Gambrills, October 18 in Washington D.C., October 24 in Laurel and October 25 in Baltimore. Information about those meetings is available at: <http://baltimorewashingtonscmaglevproject.com/index.php/public-involvement/upcoming-meetings>

Maria Herd is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

Food Scrap Compost Survey for Residents

The Green Team’s Zero Waste Circle’s Organics Task Force has developed a quick five-question survey for Greenbelt residents. We want to know if residents would be interested in a program to collect food scraps for composting, which would divert them from the landfill. Access the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/RJKKQ3R

Drug Take Back

On Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Greenbelt Police Department will again partner with DEA in the Drug Take Back Campaign, where residents can drop off expired, unwanted and unused prescription medications. The goals of the campaign are twofold: to help prevent prescription drug abuse and to reduce the amount of these types of medications making their way into our water supply due to improper disposal. This is separate and apart from the Drug Drop Box which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Police Station. The drop off area is the lobby, 550 Crescent Road. For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 28 Take Back Day event, go to deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/.



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Book and Photos Feature New Deal Green Towns

by Stephanie Selzer

Photographer Jason Reblando returned to Greenbelt last Thursday to discuss his new book *New Deal Utopia*, a collection of photographs that focuses on the three green towns established by the U.S. government during the Great Depression.

The event was part of the Greenbelt Museum’s 2017 lecture series, and was co-sponsored by the University of Maryland’s Department of American Studies, Department of Historic Preservation and Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

Museum Director Megan Searing Young was excited to invite Reblando to share his work with Greenbelt residents. “He is a very thoughtful and creative person, not just in terms of his photography, but in his way of thinking of these communities,” she said.

For his book, Reblando captured the physical landscapes and social spaces of three green towns: Greenbelt, Md.; Greenhills, Ohio; and Greendale, Wis.

There are not many portraits of people in his book. If individuals do appear, it is against a background where the natural surroundings and architecture take precedent.

In one photograph, the Greenbelt Community Center and its bas-relief panels loom large behind a trio of teenagers. In another, baseball players appear almost engulfed by the fields of green grass that surround them at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Reblando chose to focus on elements of nature and community that the original city planners envisioned when designing the green towns.



Photographer Jason Reblando shared images from his book, *New Deal Utopias*.

During his talk, he described the “Garden City” style that influenced the look of these towns, where nature would be a part of everyday life, allowing residents to have the best of both town and country.

Reblando’s work was influenced in part by the photographers who first documented the green towns for the Resettlement Administration and Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and 1940s.

He explained that these photographers were tasked with capturing “images of stability and promise,” or images that showed that the New Deal programs were indeed working.

As Reblando clicked through his slide show of photographs, hums of recognition could be heard from the audience. Al-

though many of the locations are familiar to Greenbelt residents, Reblando said, “I hope my images are able to reveal something new about your community.”

Reblando also took questions from the audience and signed copies of his book. When one person asked him which feature of Greenbelt was his favorite, he was torn and said, “That’s like asking what your favorite child is.”

He settled on a pedestrian underpass featured in the book. Surrounded by green grass and trees, it reflects the mix of nature and planned elements that make the green towns so unique.

Stephanie Selzer is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.

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arts, the second speaker, Christopher Cherry, researches his Greenbelt-centric shows in the News Review Office – digging through old copies of the paper for the references he needs. In the summary of his talk, *Confessions of an Archive Addict*, he notes wryly that, “It started innocently enough with historical research about theater in early Greenbelt.” But once immersed in the archives, Cherry was captivated by the newspaper accounts of every facet of life during the town’s founding year. The optimism and energy that suffused the new town were captured in the Cooperator and persist in the archives, an expanding resource of insight and inspiration for present and future Greenbelters. Cherry will discuss his odyssey and share the surprising things he discovered, including a connection between Greenbelt and a world-renowned novelist.

Lee Levine, Esq.

The News Review is relieved that the last speaker is addressing us on a festive occasion instead of our being in desperate need of his legal advice. Lee Levine is a lawyer who operates far from the parochial world of Greenbelt, except for one big connecting idea: his cases often reference First Amendment freedoms. As a result, he constantly encounters a few key decisions that wrote the book on libel, and one is the News Review’s. In describing his talk, Levine says, “In 1964, the United States Supreme Court revolutionized the First Amendment’s guarantee of freedom of the press in a case called *New York Times v. Sullivan*. One of the more significant of the cases spawned by *Sullivan* was decided in 1970 and involved the Green-

belt News Review. It established First Amendment-based protections for the press and public that endure to this day.” Levine tells how the Supreme Court came to decide both these cases in a story “drawn from the personal papers of the justices who decided them.”

A First Amendment expert, Levine has argued in the Supreme Court on behalf of media defendants and litigated in more than 20 states and the District of Columbia, appearing in most federal appeals courts and in the highest courts of 10 states.

He served as an adjunct professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center from 1989 to 2016 and is lead author of the treatise *Newsgathering and the Law*, now in its fourth edition. Levine co-authored the casebook *Media and the Law* and recently, with Professor Stephen Wermiel, co-authored *The Progeny: Justice William J. Brennan’s Fight to Preserve the Legacy of New York Times v. Sullivan* – based on the personal papers of Brennan and his colleagues.

Chambers USA, a publication ranking law firms and attorneys, has reported that Levine is considered “the greatest First Amendment attorney in the United States” and *The Legal 500* wrote that Levine’s “reputation is unparalleled. He is in a class of his own.”

Tickets

To assure a seat at this one-time-only evening of celebration and insight, stop by the Old Greenbelt Theatre box office or purchase tickets online (convenience fee applies).

This story was created out of material provided by the three speakers.



Exploring Yoga Nidra

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Greenbelt resident. Laura Bonkosky on Friday, November 3. Bonkosky will be leading participants in some Yoga Nidra, a guided meditation that is accessible to everyone. No prior meditation or yoga experience is required. You will be systematically guided through setting intentions; exploring the body, breath, mind and senses; and cultivating a sense of joy and well-being. Yoga Nidra is usually practiced lying down, so bring a mat, a blanket and a pillow or bolster and dress in comfortable, loose clothing. For those who would prefer not to practice lying down, chairs will be available.

Bonkosky has taught yoga and meditation in and around Greenbelt for over 10 years. She currently offers classes through the Greenbelt Recreation Department and will be offering a class through SAGE that combines gentle yoga and yoga nidra beginning on November 30.

Explorations Unlimited is held on Fridays beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.



Re-Elect Judith F. ‘J’ Davis



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Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), Past Chair, Board of Directors, Past Corporate President

COG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, Vice Chair

National League of Cities, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee

Member: GIVES, FOGM, FOGT, Greenbelt Lions, American Legion Auxiliary, Past Carnival Chair, Labor Day Festival Committee

J’s Goals...

Ensure our police officers have up-to-date equipment and superior training

Balance budgetary restraint with maintaining programs and services that are unique to Greenbelt, especially those for our youth, families, and seniors

Build Council consensus on crucial issues facing the City, including sound Greenbelt West development

Ensure funding for assessment, repair, and replacement of the City’s vital infrastructure

Protect our priceless Green Belt, including BARC and Greenbelt Park

Attract quality businesses to Greenbelt

Oppose the MagLev and Widening Baltimore-Washington Parkway proposals

Maintain our productive ties with County, State, and Regional leaders

Questions? Concerns? Contact J at jfintakdavis@aol.com

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By Authority: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer

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Greenbelt History in Photos

Mydans' Men at Work

by James Giese

This is the 20th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.

This is a representative sampling of the photographs Carl Mydans took of men at work on the Greenbelt project for the Farm Security Administration.

These photos are dated November, 1935 when most of the work related to land clearing. The log being hauled by men

was probably used to build a temporary bridge over the stream at the new dam, approximately where the overflow channel now is. The tractor was also used to drag logs and probably stumps. There were many temporary buildings or sheds needing to be built near the lake before housing construction began, such as guard shacks, tool sheds, etc. The tool grinder is sharpening an axe.



Men hauling a log to build a bridge in Greenbelt



An operator of a tractor with a winch - Photos by Carl Mydans



A carpenter working



A tool grinder working

Greenbelt Rotary Club Wine Gala Is a Sparkling Success

The October 21 Wine Gala, co-hosted by the Greenbelt Rotary Club and the Field of Firsts Foundation at the College Park Aviation Museum, was a fine time for all. The event featured wines from Basignani Winery, Port of Leonardtown Winery and Great Shoals Winery, music by Melanie and Andris Just Friends and catering provided by Three Brothers Italian Restaurant.

Special thanks go to sponsors Beltway Plaza Mall, McNamee Hosea Attorneys and Advisors and Old Line Bank.

The Greenbelt Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott Hotel. Further information is available at greenbeltrotary.org.



Community members enjoy the Rotary wine gala.



City Notes

Springhill Lake Recreation Center gym floors are being refinished prior to the start of basketball season.

Horticulture/Parks staff worked with a Parkdale High School program with students picking up trash, mulching, landscaping and cleaning bays.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 28.21 tons of refuse and 13.76 tons of recyclable material.

Arts Advisory Board Meets November 7

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. in Room 112 at the Community Center. Issues on the agenda include a second reading of proposed changes to the bylaws and response to a petition to establish a Greenbelt Arts Council based on the City of Laurel's Ordinance 1908. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-397-2208.

Elect George Boyce To City Council



Council Needs New Faces

I am eager to serve on council, bringing fresh ideas, technical leadership, and business experience. Let's get to work!

Council Needs to Take Action

I will encourage council to take immediate action on the simple issues. I will focus council on the difficult questions and push for decisions. I will seek to make progress.

I retired from NASA to work fulltime on my commitments to Greenbelt. I will hold regular office hours to meet with residents.

Council Needs Science & Technology

I will apply my technology knowledge and experience in using the scientific method to analyze problems and propose solutions.

I support creating a Science and Technology Advisory Committee.

Council Needs to Have a Vision

We want to preserve the core nature of Greenbelt; a historic center with a strong growing community that works hard, with many cultures, faiths, and races living together. We enjoy life while we stand against hate.

I support cooperative enterprise, investment in youth, and expanded care for those in need. I will push to create innovation and incubation centers to develop jobs and smart business growth to ensure a bright future.

Boyce Follow me at Boyce4Council.greenbeltmd.org
By authority of George Boyce, Candidate

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Consult Citizens

Economic development lust seems to be driving our Greenbelt government nearly bonkers. Recently, someone paid a few thousand dollars of city money to make Greenbelt a member of the Prince George’s County Chamber of Commerce, apparently for economic development contacts. The Chamber of Commerce stands opposed to Greenbelt’s long support of environmental protection regulations and the recent support for paying a living wage. Now someone has entered Greenbelt into the begging frenzy for the second Amazon headquarters, again without consulting the citizens of Greenbelt. Those interested in what this kind of economic development can cause could consult the article, motivated by Chicago’s bid to Amazon, in the Chicago Tribune business section about the price Seattle has paid for the first Amazon headquarters, What would happen if Amazon brought 50,000 workers to your city? Ask Seattle (chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-amazon-50000-workers-seattle-20171020-story.html).

I am told that around the 1950s, GHI members shortsightedly sold off green space around GHI in order to lower their monthly fees. Economic development that is not thought through carefully with the residents of Greenbelt can bring many regrets.

Henry Haslach

Diversity and Choice

Council voted unanimously at Monday’s regular council meeting (10/23) to oppose Gov. Hogan’s proposal to widen several freeways (Beltway, I-95, B-W Parkway, I-270) in Maryland by several new lanes in each direction. Some Greenbelters that I have talked with are not so opposed to the governor’s plan, though we would prefer the B-W Parkway remain the four lanes that it is. Most of these proposed new lanes would be HOV or HOT lanes during commuting hours.

I acknowledge recent studies and statistics on Maryland’s transportation challenges of late and projected trends. These include population increase from more immigration and people relocating to this Maryland, D.C. and Virginia region, one of the top 10 growth metropolitan regions in the U.S., for jobs and careers. Maryland’s current population is about 6.3 million, and with D.C. and close-in northern Virginia counties included (Fairfax County, Arlington County, Alexandria and eastern portions of Prince William County) the number jumps to over 8 million. It’s projected that by 2040 this region could be 11 to 12 million.

At a recent council work-session (10/16) with the State Highway Administration, officials concurred that traffic congestion is worsening in this metro region and can get worse if not addressed. Traffic that is not moving or moving very slowly consumes more fuel and adds to the carbon footprint. I would much prefer to see a few lanes added in each direction to existing I-270, I-95, the Beltway, than have entire new freeways built. From time to time an outer Beltway is proposed as well as a I-95 bypass around this entire region. This has happened in California

and NYC metro areas.

We all would like to see more people commute to work by public transit, biking, walking. It seems this is increasing at a snail’s pace. Approximately 80 to 85 percent of commuters in this region still use their vehicles to get to and from work and home, let alone errands, meetings and other activities. America’s love affair with the automobile. I love my car too. When I was teaching full-time in our public school system a few years ago, I biked to school a few times but soon realized this was not practical. Teachers carry too many materials (books, supplies, their laptops) around with them. In addition to being exposed to the weather, drivers often are not looking for or expecting to see cyclists, and these days some drivers focus as much on their smart phones as their driving.

Metro primarily takes commuters to and from the suburbs into D.C. A recent study showed that after decades of increasing ridership, ridership leveled out from 2009 to 2014 followed by a decline from 2015 to present. Surveys of Metro riders in a recent Washington Post article stated their concerns with safety and crime, maintenance issues, increasing fares and train delays.

Multiple modes of ground transportation are conducive to the economic viability of a region. We need to build new transportation infrastructure utilizing new technologies (fast trains and local trains and buses), continue to repair, maintain and improve Metro, Amtrak, MARC, bike lanes, our existing freeways and bridges, car-pool lanes, and encourage electric vehicles (though the price tags discourage

many). It is all about diversity and choice.

Bob Snyder

Stand Strong Greenbelt

Last night I went out to the Great North Woods and stood on the edge of the ridge. It wasn’t the first time that I’d looked off to the lights on the edge of town. But it was the first time that I’d ever done so with such heaviness in my heart. I said out to the grand trees, “15 years ago this coming year, Greenbelt took you into its Heart and made you Family by creating the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. I am pained to tell to you, Great One, that there are tremendous threats against you and many of us wonder about your future.”

I knelt down feeling the soil and imagined the sensation and horror of a 300 mile per hour train barreling through the deeps of our grand rolling hills. I imagined an eight-lane beltway, being dropping down on our four-lane parkway. Never before had my precious Greenbelt become an incidental obstruction to the schemes of the wealthy.

I went and stood at the base of a kingly oak that was extending into the stars. I looked up, and said, “We need to rally the troops to confront this latest threat to you, Dear Forest. We have the Great Chiefs of City Council on our side to face this outlying danger. They too are ready to do battle on your behalf. But, Great Woods, this time it’s going to take more than just reaching out to our own Chiefs. There are even bigger Chiefs

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Halloween at the Lake



Halloween decorations on the Lake path

- Photos by Kathryn Beard



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Stop the MAGLEV Train

The company Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) has proposed the construction and operation of a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (MAGLEV) train system between Baltimore and Washington D.C.

There are three routes under consideration and two of these routes pass through Greenbelt. The routes proposed for Greenbelt will impact the Forest Preserve and our local neighborhoods.

Visit www.StopThisTrain.org to learn more about proposed routes for Greenbelt and why the superconducting MAGLEV train project is bad for Maryland.

We oppose the project due to concerns about the impact the project will have on wildlife habitat and trees, noise, human health, and property values.

Please contact the elected officials below and express your opposition to the project.

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James Senate Office Building, Room 220
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 841-3155, (301) 858-3155
paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us

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Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at:
GreenbeltAdvocates.ESJ@gmail.com

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who have never seen the sunrise on your hills and don't know of your splendor. So we the people are going to have to reach out to these Chiefs with voices and letters. All of us have to see the grave peril of the jet-engine-loud train that will scatter your foxes, squirrels, birds and more making you a lonely Mother Forest."

I reached in my knapsack and pulled out the little replica of the Mother and Child statue that I was awarded for becoming Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2017. I gently set it in a splash of moonlight which was striking the forest floor and said out to the Eminent Expanse, "I still have yet to thank the people of my community for the honor bestowed to me. Yet, only two moons later, the endeavor that I was congratulated for, which was helping to save you, is now under siege again. There have been many times that I wanted to walk away from caring for you because it hurts so much. And every one of those times, I came out on another side. And on that other side I found a sea of Greenbelters standing there like valiant Gladiators ready to Stand for you! I've never seen a people that make it so hard to be pessimistic. Those lights I see through your trees keep showing me something in humanity that shines through all the darkness in the world."

*Paul Downs
President, Committee to Save
the Green Belt, Outstanding
Citizen 2017*

Articulate Candidates

It was so heartening to see the Greenbelt democratic process in action last Sunday, October 22 at the Candidates Forum for a Progressive Greenbelt. To see seven challengers and five incumbents articulate their views to almost 100 interested attendees was a real pleasure.

The candidates explored issues such as equitability, sustainability, racism and policing, at large voting vs. borda-based voting, the use of wind power, reducing the use of fossil fuels, improving public transit, the proposed maglev train and so many more.

Memorable sound bytes for me included Ric Gordon's claim that "We must understand that I AM my brother's keeper." Rodney Roberts claimed that "Some things are more important than money. Human rights is one." Colin Byrd asserted that "If you vote for Byrd, your voice will be heard." Lois Rosado reminded us that "Democracy is not a spectator sport."

Leta Mach urged us to "work together to make sure that the disrespectful, abrasive tone of our current national public discourse does not infect Greenbelt."

The buzz and hum, the civility and intelligence made me grateful that Greenbelt is not cute like Mayberry, N.C. or Stars Hollow, Conn. Greenbelt is vibrant and real.

Jim Link

Thanks

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded more than a century ago at Howard University. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly black, college educated workers. There are over 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters.

The Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta has generously contributed for several years to the Greenbelt Food Pantry at St. Hugh's through their "Feed the Hungry Special Task Force." This fall they donated \$600 of food items to the pantry. The local alumnae chapter can be located at pg-cacdst.org. We want to add our thanks to this organization for their generosity and services to the community.

We also thank Ellen Hanyok and Susan De Platchett for their generous donations to the hygiene task force of the Pantry.

*Solange Hess
Chair the Pantry of Greenbelt*

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GCAN Priorities Session

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will hold a meeting to set its upcoming priorities on Wednesday, November 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. They seek the community's help to guide the direction of GCAN for the next few months. Everyone is welcome to participate and to vote. Input is sought for two main questions:

- 1) Which bill or bills will GCAN support in the Maryland legislature in January?
 - a. 50% "Clean" Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) by 2030 (supported by Maryland Climate Coalition, including the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and a number of other Maryland environmental and faith organizations)
 - b. 100% Clean Renewable Energy by 2035 (Food & Water Watch)
 - c. Prioritize clean-up of RPS: immediately redefine what is "renewable energy" to exclude "dirty" sources (Energy Justice Network)
- 2) What other issues will GCAN address on four levels of government?
 - a. City: reduce fossil fuels in landscaping, composting pilot, city council support of above bills, Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone, Maglev high speed train
 - b. County: Bladensburg Concrete Batching Plant, Brandywine Gas Powered Plants, Zero Waste Plan
 - c. State: Potomac Pipeline, Compressor Station in Charles County, Cove Point LNG Facility
 - d. Federal: OFF Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act (HR 3671), Keystone XL Pipeline,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The last portion of the evening will provide announcements and updates on local and national issues GCAN is following. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

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October 28, 2017



Re-Elect SILKE POPE



The planned MagLev train could seriously affect our community. It could destroy our forest preserve, our environment and our quality of life, as well as further divide our community.

Additionally, this train will not benefit our community, since there will be no local access.

Stop the High Speed Train

Please, VOTE for me on November 7th, 2017
So, we can work together to protect our community from the MagLev!

Authorized by: Kris White, Treasurer

Police Blotter

*Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.*

Attempted Robbery

October 18, 8:13 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man agreed to purchase a cell phone over the internet and went to the location agreed upon to complete the transaction. The seller approached him, produced a handgun and demanded money. The buyer refused and the seller then fled on foot.

Forgery

October 18, 2:40 p.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway. A 41-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with forgery, theft, counterfeiting of a personal check, possession of a counterfeit check and issuing a counterfeit check with intent to defraud at PNC Bank. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

October 15, 7:20 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A child's blue tricycle was taken from the patio of a residence.

Burglary

October 11, 9:18 p.m., 8100 block Mandan Road. A man heard a knock at his rear door and looked out to see a man described as Hispanic, 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, with spiked hair, wearing a blue shirt. This person then fled. Investigation revealed that the perimeter fence was broken and the backyard shed had been opened. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

October 14, 1:50 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Two laptop computers, a video game player and a television were taken from a residence after a bedroom window was broken out to gain access.

October 16, 7:15 p.m. 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Jewelry and personal documents were taken from a residence after entry was gained by breaking out the sliding glass door.

Vandalism

October 18, 3:45 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. Two mailboxes in a condominium building were vandalized.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were recovered. A 2014 Ford Econoline E-450 van reported stolen to the Prince George's County police was recovered October 14 in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A 2003 Ford Econoline E-250 van reported stolen October 7 from the 100 block Westway was recovered October 17 by Prince George's County police at an undisclosed location.

ATM Credit Card Skimming Alert


Greenbelt police want to alert residents that that there have been recent reports of skimming devices being used in and around Greenbelt at automatic teller machines (ATMs). These devices are usually placed over the existing credit card reader in order to steal your account information. A camera is often installed nearby as well, to obtain the person's PIN number. Always check to see if the card reader has been altered by giving it a quick pull to assure it is securely attached.

If you believe an ATM machine within the city limits of Greenbelt has been altered in any way, contact the Greenbelt police at 301-474-7200.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

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Fenced Corner Lot 2 Bedroom GHI townhome with open layout & spacious shed. Remodeled throughout with opened kitchen & more. **\$136,000**

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Your Greenbelt Specialists
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Karen Haseley, Long-time Rec Supervisor, Retires

by Matthew Arbach

Karen Haseley is retiring after nearly 30 years serving as therapeutic recreation (TR) supervisor for the Greenbelt Recreation Department. According to Haseley, she has directly overseen “city-wide therapeutic recreation programs for senior citizens and special populations,” working “closely with co-workers to include individuals with disabilities into typical recreation programs.” Additionally, she has been in charge of supervising and hiring part-time staff, volunteers, interns and interpreters. Haseley’s duties have also included acting as the Recreation Department’s computer database administrator and editor of the quarterly brochure “for many years.”

A native of North Carolina, Haseley received a B.A. from the University of North Carolina in recreation administration psychology. She went on to earn an M.S. in therapeutic recreation in 1984 from Indiana University. She performed her graduate internship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda in 1983 in the children’s oncology unit where she planned and implemented therapeutic recreation programs for both in-patient and out-patient unit/clinics. Because she liked the area so much, she began work at Taylor Manor Hospital in Ellicott City as an activity therapist in 1984. When the position opened in 1988, Haseley applied and was hired for her current role in Greenbelt. That same year she completed her exams to be a Certified Therapeutic Research Specialist, the first year the degree was created.

During her tenure, Haseley supervised over 20 therapeutic interns from a wide variety of colleges and backgrounds, including some from Canada. Between 1988 and 2017, she has increased Greenbelt Seniors Programs from three classes a week to 30. She says that “seeing this program grow and the seniors benefit from all the opportunities is one of my biggest accomplishments.”

Haseley has been given nine honors and awards from the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA). The awards include a TR Branch Practitioner Award in 2017, a TR Branch Outstanding Recognition Award in 2010, Member of the Year Award in 2001, Bi-Annual Award in 2001, TR Branch Chairman’s Award in 2005 and 2012 and TR Branch Committee Work Award in 2005 and in 1988 for Public Relations. Also for MRPA, she served as TR Branch Secretary for five years and Branch Member-at-Large for six years.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Karen Haseley

Haseley got great joy from teaching Ageless Grace classes. According to their website (agelessgrace.com), Ageless Grace is a cutting-edge brain fitness program that activates all functions of the brain. Using 21 simple exercises designed for all ages and abilities, the program seeks to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and mind. Haseley says that “participants tell me I just changed their lives and they can’t believe how much better they feel after the program. I do love teaching and sharing this program.” Haseley became acquainted with Ageless Grace in 2012 and became an educator in 2013.

Community Center Coordinator Rebekah Sutfin has worked with Haseley for 11 years. It was Haseley that brought Sutfin to her position at the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department, as a therapeutic recreation intern in 2006, paving the way to her being hired in 2007 for her present position. Together, the two worked on classes, trainings, globetrotting trips, summer camps, the quarterly activity guide and several committees with MRPA and the City of Greenbelt. According to Sutfin, Haseley has been a “mentor at work and outside of work,” an example of patience and perseverance, and “a wonderful, kind-hearted person.” “She has so much passion for everything she does. She has developed the Seniors Programs, adding to the quality of life with everyone that she is in contact with.”

Haseley plans on staying active in the Recreation Department. She intends on teaching more Ageless Grace classes and training more Ageless Grace educators.



Greenbelt Community Free Art Drop-In

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program invites guests of all ages to attend a free Community Art Drop-In workshop with Kathy Karlson on Sunday, November 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. Attendees will combine objects and paint in a mixed media collage, inspired by artists Robert Rauschenberg and Arthur Dove. This program will be held in Room 113 of the Community Center. All materials will be provided. No reservations are needed.

While visiting, enjoy the Greenbelt Museum’s current Community Center exhibit, The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the iconic Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the impressive bas reliefs on the Community Center façade. The museum’s historic house located across the street at 10-B Crescent Road will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. (there is a small fee). For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit greenbeltnmd.gov/arts and follow Greenbelt Recreation ARTS on Facebook. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

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Halloween Is Town’s Earliest Holiday Tradition

by Elizabeth Gardner



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Annual Halloween costume parade in Greenbelt, 1949

The upcoming costume contest and parade in Roosevelt Center on October 30 marks the 80th anniversary of the first holiday event celebrated in Greenbelt. Halloween was the first holiday on the calendar following the arrival of the first Greenbelt residents in the fall of 1937, so a Halloween party was the first community celebration in the brand-new town. Because the 1937 party occurred on October 30, this year’s event falls exactly on the 80th anniversary of that first gathering.

For decades, Greenbelt families have enjoyed the annual costume contest and parade. A photograph of the 1949 event shows that witches, clowns and cowboys were popular costume choices, with nary a super-hero in sight. While costume trends

may change over the years, the heart of the event remains in the fun of children dressing up in their favorite costume and marching through Roosevelt Center to show off their finery. See the city ad for details about this year’s event.

Elizabeth Gardner is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School who is interning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department for the Greenbelt Legacy 80th Anniversary celebration.



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